

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVES KLECKLEY, DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GEYMANN, GUINN,  
AND HILL AND SENATORS MORRISH AND MOUNT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express condolences upon the death of Hector San Miguel, former Lake Charles  
*American Press* city editor.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Hector San Miguel of Lake Charles on  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the age of fifty-one; and

WHEREAS, born December 2, 1958, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mr. San Miguel  
was a graduate of LaGrange High School and McNeese State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel was employed at the *American Press* in Lake Charles  
for three decades of distinguished and highly productive service, and he most recently served  
as city editor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel covered nearly every aspect of Southwest Louisiana  
news, including the administrations of Lake Charles mayors Jim Sudduth, Bill Boyer, Ed  
Watson, Paul Savoie, Willie Mount, and Randy Roach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel also covered news dealing with crime, state and federal  
courts, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the Port of Lake Charles, Lake Charles Regional  
Airport, Chennault International Airport, the legislature, and the trial of former Governor  
Edwin Edwards; and

WHEREAS, during Hurricane Rita, Mr. San Miguel slept in his van and posted  
stories online via a laptop to keep Southwest Louisiana informed; and

WHEREAS, in addition to covering Southwest Louisiana, Mr. San Miguel also  
traveled to Cuba and Central America as a reporter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel was well known for his in-depth investigative pieces, many of which won state and regional awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel was a four-time recipient of the Gibbs Adams Award presented by the Louisiana Press Association for investigative reporting, and he also received the Frank C. Allen Award for "Story of the Year" in the 1997 Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press Managing Editors writing contest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel also showed versatility in his reporting skills, and his coverage of the 2007 SEC football championship game won first place in the Associated Press Managing Editors writing contest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel was a faithful and dedicated member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Schmidt San Miguel; three sons, Andrew, Stephen, and Ricky San Miguel; one daughter, Lucy Marie San Miguel; his mother, Patsy San Miguel; one brother, David San Miguel; one sister, Cyndi San Miguel Findley; and an array of extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel was preceded in death by his father, Enrique San Miguel; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. San Miguel, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. San Miguel, who was admired by all whose lives he touched, leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Mr. San Miguel has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Hector San Miguel of Lake Charles, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions as an extraordinary journalist and citizen, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Hector San Miguel.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE