

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVES JENKINS, CARMODY, GLOVER, NORTON, AND
SEABAUGH

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Ralph D. Balentine

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Ralph D.
3 Balentine.

4 WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the House of Representatives
5 have learned of the death on April 8, 2019, of Ralph D. Balentine, at the age of eighty-four;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine was born on August 8, 1934, in Sterlington,
8 Louisiana, to Samuel Louis Balentine and Mamie Flanagan Balentine; and

9 WHEREAS, he studied plumbing and worked as a plumbing apprentice at a nursing
10 home for many years; he later served as administrative manager of a nursing home in
11 Pineville; and

12 WHEREAS, his family moved to Bossier City and he was instrumental in the
13 founding and managing of Midway Manor Nursing Home, Shreveport Manor Nursing
14 Home, and Roseview Nursing Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Balentine served two terms as president of the Louisiana Nursing
16 Home Association and established the Louisiana Ambulance Association serving as
17 president of the association for several years; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a leader in senior living and healthcare services in northwest
19 Louisiana; his advocacy efforts locally and statewide helped shape the industry into what it
20 is today; and

1 WHEREAS, a devout Gideon, Ralph played a key role in the distribution of bibles
2 in various languages to all parts of the world; he loved the Lord, his church, and his men's
3 Sunday school class; and

4 WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of Ralph D. Balentine are his wife of thirty-
5 eight years, LaVeta Cloud Balentine; his sister, Melba Lane Balentine; his daughters, Pam
6 McBeath, and her husband Carl, and Rhonda Lane Balentine; his son, Darrell Keith
7 Balentine, and his wife Tina; his step-daughter, Cari Saiz, and her husband Gilbert; his step-
8 sons, Matthew Allbritton, and his wife Valarie, and Michael Allbritton, and his wife,
9 Andrea; grandchildren, Casey McBeath, Darrell Balentine, Jr., Jessica Balentine, Hanna
10 Balentine, Kendyl Balentine Tipton, and her husband Zach, Samuel Balentine, Zachary Saiz,
11 Madison Saiz, Benson Allbritton, Marissa Statham, Isabella Statham, Henry Statham, Wyatt
12 Statham, and Matthew Statham; and his great-granddaughter, Ainslee Balentine; and

13 WHEREAS, although his death has left a tremendous void in his community, Mr.
14 Balentine's memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were fortunate
15 enough to know and love him.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express condolences upon the death of Ralph D.
18 Balentine; does hereby express heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends; and does
19 hereby extend thoughts and wishes for peace in this time of sorrow and hopes for fond and
20 lasting memories.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 family of Ralph D. Balentine.

DIGEST

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