

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

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

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES