

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Christopher Blaise "Chris" Edwards.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the death, on April 11, 2021, of Christopher Blaise "Chris" Edwards, after a hard-fought, year-long battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Chris was born to the late Daniel Boone Edwards and Catherine Murphy Edwards in New Orleans on August 12, 1965; he attended St. Julian Eymard Elementary School in Algiers and was a graduate of Jesuit High School; and

WHEREAS, Chris completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame and earned a juris doctorate degree at Tulane University Law School; he practiced law in Gretna for thirty years and was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Jefferson Bar Association, and the Westbank Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was very involved in the community; he volunteered to serve as Cubmaster of Scout Pack 393 and as chairman of the board for Belle Chasse Academy; he was also a longtime member of the Krewe of Alla; and

WHEREAS, Chris Edwards is remembered for his ability to bring laughter to any setting with his sometimes irreverent sense of humor; he was an incredibly loyal friend who always enjoyed helping others; he was especially fond of fishing, traveling, collecting wine, and celebrating Jazz Fest and Mardi Gras; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Blaise "Chris" Edwards is survived by his wife, Deidra Kepler Edwards; his son, William Blaise Edwards; his daughter, Catherine Alecta Edwards; his brother, Benjamin Dudley Edwards, and his wife Kathleen Pendergrast; and his nephew, Benjamin Edwards, and his wife Emily; and

WHEREAS, Chris displayed a tremendous measure of strength and a positive attitude throughout his battle with cancer; he will be deeply missed, but certainly not forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Christopher Blaise "Chris" Edwards; does hereby commend Chris for being a beacon of light in his community despite the battle he faced; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort during this difficult time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Christopher Blaise "Chris" Edwards.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES