

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Frank Dennis Sharp of Covington

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Frank Dennis
3 Sharp of Covington.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn
5 of the transition on Sunday, May 28, 2017, of Frank Dennis Sharp from his earthly abode
6 to eternity; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank Dennis Sharp was a husband, son, father, friend, teacher,
8 principal, educational supervisor, councilman, farmer, musician, barbecue master, and an
9 avid supporter of the Covington community in which he spent his entire life; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp had a love for people that was embraced by all; he was
11 known as a person who would give the shirt off his back to a stranger if needed; his unselfish
12 character was displayed through his music, cooking, and the care of animals; and

13 WHEREAS, Frank learned to play bass guitar at an early age, and he sang gospel
14 music at church and was a member of several classic rock bands, including Gypsy River; he
15 served on the advisory board for Southeastern Louisiana University's Columbia Theatre, and
16 his weekends were filled with music and catering; he barbecued in a seventeen foot pit he
17 made from a gas tank, and he and his wife served more than five hundred people on
18 occasion; Mr. Sharp often barbecued for the Youth Service Bureau in Covington, and for
19 New Heights Therapy Center in Folsom; he often declined payment for his labor; and

20 WHEREAS, Frank Sharp grew up in a rural community and his upbringing was the
21 basis for his dedication to FFA; he earned a degree in vocational agriculture education, a

1 master's degree in education, and was an education specialist; he taught at Lee Road Junior
2 High School and was promoted to principal, a post he served for several years before his
3 promotion to supervisor of secondary education for St. Tammany Parish; he retired from a
4 thirty-three-year career in education in 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank Dennis Sharp was elected in 2011 as parish councilman for
6 District 2 and was reelected in 2015; in his job as councilman, he spent many hours visiting
7 residents and companies to solve problems and present new ideas; he served on several
8 parish council committees, including the 911 Commission, and he worked tirelessly to
9 renovate and enlarge the St. Tammany Parish Fairgrounds in Covington; it was his desire
10 to continue a tradition of providing a place for youth to learn the value of raising livestock,
11 and he was a strong supporter of the St. Tammany Parish Junior Livestock Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Dennis Sharp will be remembered for his courage, compassion,
13 commitment, honesty, and loyalty, and he will be greatly missed; memories of good times
14 shared with him will forever be treasured by his wife, Lisa Skelton Sharp, his children, and
15 all who knew and loved him.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend deepest sympathies to the family of Frank
18 Dennis Sharp; does hereby record for posterity the extraordinary educational and civic deeds
19 of this native son of Louisiana; and does hereby offer thoughts and prayers for comfort and
20 peace to those who mourn his passing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to Lisa Skelton Sharp.

DIGEST

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