

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 281

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former Louisiana congressman John Cooksey.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the death, on June 4, 2022, of former Louisiana congressman John Cooksey; and

WHEREAS, John Charles Cooksey was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, and graduated from La Salle High School in Olla, Louisiana, in LaSalle Parish; he received a bachelor of science degree from Louisiana State University and a doctor of medicine degree, specializing in ophthalmology, from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans; he also earned a master of business administration degree many years later from the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, after completing his studies at the LSU Health Sciences Center, John enlisted in the United States Air Force; he was stationed in Thailand and Texas and served from 1967 until 1969; he then served in the Air Force Reserve from 1969 until 1972; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cooksey operated a medical practice based in Monroe, Louisiana, for many years; he volunteered in East Africa, where he provided healthcare for six years and aided in the establishment of an eye care clinic in Kenya; and

WHEREAS, John Cooksey won his first campaign for public office in 1996 and was elected to serve as the congressman for Louisiana's 5th District; former Congressman Cooksey served the 5th District from 1997 until 2003; he is remembered as helping build the Republican Party in northeastern Louisiana and dedicating himself to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from politics, John returned to Monroe to resume his medical practice; he was married to Ann Grabill Cooksey, and they had three children; he will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service will live on forever.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former Louisiana congressman John Cooksey; does hereby recognize him for his military service and service in public office; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, former colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of John Cooksey.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES