

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former state representative
Raymond Julian Laborde

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former state
3 representative Raymond Julian Laborde.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Louisiana House of Representatives learned of the death of former state representative
6 Raymond Julian Laborde of Marksville on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at the age of
7 eighty-eight; and

8 WHEREAS, with the death of former state representative Raymond Julian Laborde,
9 Louisiana has lost a notable figure in the history of the Louisiana Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS, born on August 18, 1927, to Dr. Emeric and Minnie Laborde,
11 Mr. Laborde attended Marksville High School; after high school graduation, he enrolled at
12 Loyola University in New Orleans, where at the age of eighteen he played on the 1945-1946
13 Loyola University national championship basketball team; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1949, he graduated from Loyola University and soon after opened
15 his own department store in Marksville, Raymond's Department Store, which he owned and
16 operated for sixty-three years; and

17 WHEREAS, he served honorably in the Louisiana National Guard for twenty-five
18 years and ultimately retired having attained the rank of captain; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1951, Mr. Laborde married the former Nellie Sanchez; and

20 WHEREAS, he served as the mayor of Marksville from 1958 until 1970 and served
21 as president of the Louisiana Municipal Association from 1962-1963; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Laborde also served the citizens of Avoyelles Parish as a state
2 representative for five terms, from 1972 until 1992; he was a gubernatorial floor leader,
3 Speaker Pro Tempore from 1982 until 1984, and in his last term, he served as the chairman
4 of the House Committee on Ways and Means; and

5 WHEREAS, during his time in the House of Representatives, Representative
6 Laborde worked on and supported many important pieces of legislation; and

7 WHEREAS, for four years, Mr. Laborde served as the commissioner of
8 administration under his lifelong friend, former Governor Edwin Edwards; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1978, he was named Avoyellean of the Year, and in 2003, he was
10 inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame in Winnfield; he also
11 enjoyed being an active member of the St. Joseph Church Council, a past Jaycee President,
12 and a past member and president of the Chamber of Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Laborde is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Nellie Sanchez
14 Laborde; his children, Minnie Laborde Lafargue, Donald Andrew Laborde, Charles Anthony
15 Laborde, Ray Julian Laborde, and Rachel Laborde Voinche and their spouses; his
16 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his brother, Dr. Elmo Laborde; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Laborde will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father,
18 grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and public servant who loved his community and
19 treasured his family; and

20 WHEREAS, the death of Raymond Julian Laborde has left a great void and created
21 a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of his legislative
22 family.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
25 death of former state representative Raymond Julian Laborde; does hereby record for
26 posterity the enduring appreciation of the citizens of Louisiana for his outstanding
27 contributions and achievements, particularly during his tenure as a distinguished member
28 of the Louisiana House of Representatives; and does hereby recognize that his life was well
29 spent in service to his country, his community, and his state.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the family of Raymond Julian Laborde.

DIGEST

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