

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Wellborn Jack, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the passing, on April 4, 2023, of Wellborn Jack, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Wellborn Jack, Jr., was born on July 23, 1936, in Shreveport, Louisiana; he attended Barrett Elementary and Broadmoor Junior High and graduated from C.E. Byrd High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack went on to graduate from Louisiana State University (LSU) and then the LSU Law Center; while in law school, he served as the editor-in-chief of the Law Review; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, Mr. Jack returned to Shreveport and began practicing law with his father, Welborn Jack, Sr., who served in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1940 to 1964; Welborne Jack, Jr., possessed a truly brilliant mind and possessed a genuine passion for the study and practice of law; he will also be remembered for having an unparalleled commitment to his clients; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack forged a career as a lawyer and was included in "The Best Trial Lawyers of America" collection; he served as a trial lawyer for more than five decades hearing countless numbers of cases; he was the first lawyer in the country to obtain a "not guilty by reason of insanity" verdict in a case involving a violent crime after he successfully argued that his client, who served in the Vietnam War, suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, which motivated his violent actions; he also defended a member of Earth First in an environmental conspiracy case in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jack was also a lifelong environmentalist; he played a pivotal role in the creation of the Caney Creek Wilderness Area in Arkansas; he co-founded the Kisatchie Chapter of the Ozark Society and was named "Conservationist of the Year"; he was also a member of the Army National Guard Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Wellborn Jack, Jr., leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Catherine; children, Wellborn Jack, III, and his wife Mary, Patrick Jack, Wayne Ashley, and his wife Suzi, Ransom Ashley, and his wife Terri, Andrea Swenson, and her husband Alan, and Angela Butler, and her husband Rick; sister, Patricia Jack Morgan; grandchildren, Will Jack, Spencer Jack, Sara Jack, Richard Ashley, Tiffany Olson, Ashley Crawford, Laura Moore, Jeremy Sitter, Ransom C. Ashley, and Cole Ashley; and ten great-grandchildren; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Wellborn Jack, Jr., and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES