

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. David Buttross Jr., a distinguished gentleman, devout Christian, educator, Army Veteran, and well-known internist and cardiologist.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Dr. David Buttross Jr. on January 17, 2021, at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buttross was born on November 8, 1925, in Gulfport, Mississippi, to Freada and David Buttross Sr.; and

WHEREAS, he attended Mississippi State University for only eighteen months before he was accepted to Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from medical school in 1948, Dr. Buttross continued his studies as an intern at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served as a volunteer in the United States Army Medical Corps and as a captain in the United States Army during the occupation of Japan; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States, Dr. Buttross completed his medical residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, serving as chief medical resident during his final year; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, he moved to Lake Charles and joined the Lake Charles Medical and Surgical Clinic where he practiced medicine for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to caring for patients in his medical practice, he authored medical papers published in various medical journals, and was an active member in many organizations, including the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American College of Cardiology, and the Louisiana Society of Internal Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buttross was instrumental in planning the first coronary care units for St. Patrick Hospital and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Dr. Buttross received the prestigious Laureate Award from the Louisiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians for his commitment to excellence in medical care, education, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buttross was very active in civic, religious, and community affairs; he was a member of the Lake Charles Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Calcasieu Marine National Bank, The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, and many other religious and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, after fifty years of dedicated service to his patients and community, in 2006, Dr. Buttross retired from medicine at the age of eighty-one and lived his life to the fullest and particularly enjoyed playing golf, one of his favorite pastimes; and

WHEREAS, no matter the endeavor, nothing was more important to him than his family; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of sixty-two years, Joyce; their children, Lily Zaunbrecher, Dr. Melanie Buttross, Dr. David Buttross III, and Charlotte Scott; thirteen grandchildren; and his sister, Fran Payne; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buttross was a man of God whose moral compass never wavered, and he will be missed by all those who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby respectfully acknowledge with gratitude the service to country, community, and family of Dr. David Buttross Jr., a distinguished gentlemen, devout Christian, Army Veteran, and well-known internist and cardiologist, and extends sincere regrets and condolences to his family on the occasion of his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Mrs. Joyce Abraham Buttross.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES