



1 father and grandfather who cherished the love of his family; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1967, Jimmy Martin was elected mayor of Welsh, Louisiana, and was  
3 reelected without opposition in 1971, but after serving one year of his second term as mayor,  
4 he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1972 and served five terms as  
5 the representative of his constituents in Jefferson Davis Parish and East Calcasieu; Jimmy  
6 joined a group of dynamic legislators known as "The Young Turks" and helped usher in  
7 sweeping changes in legislative protocol and policies; and

8 WHEREAS, during his twenty years as a state representative, Jimmy Martin served  
9 on the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on House and  
10 Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on Retirement, and the House Committee on  
11 Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs; he served as chairman of the House Legislative  
12 Services Council and the House Committee on Agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, a faithful parishioner of Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish in Welsh,  
14 Jimmy Martin served the youth of Louisiana as a member of the Boy Scouts of America and  
15 was a member of the executive board of the Calcasieu Area Boy Scouts; he was awarded the  
16 Silver Beaver Emblem; Mr. Martin also was a charter member of the East Deanery Sierra  
17 Club, a member of the Welsh Rotary Club, and a member of Welsh Council No. 2855  
18 Knights of Columbus and was a grand knight, a charter member of the Monsignor Peter's  
19 Assembly of the Fourth Degree, and received the Fourth Degree Order of Merit in 1984 for  
20 his generous services to the community; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1990, Representative Martin was named by Pope John Paul II as a  
22 knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Pope Saint Sylvester and was invested in the  
23 order at the tenth anniversary of the Diocese of Lake Charles during the Honors  
24 Convocation; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1993, Jimmy Martin was once again elected mayor of his hometown  
26 of Welsh; he was inducted into the St. Stanislaus College Hall of Fame on April 8, 2000; and

27 WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of James Paul Martin are his wife Bernadine,  
28 his children and their spouses, Claude Martin, Andree Martin Hainkel, John Hainkel, John  
29 Martin, and Robert Mericle; his grandchildren Victor Martin, Alexandra Hainkel, Roth  
30 Hainkel, and Madilyn Martin; and his great-granddaughter Olivia Hainkel; those who knew

