

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY SENATOR JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Anne Louise Hance Guidry.

WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow and sadness that the citizens and the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Anne Louise Hance Guidry; and

WHEREAS, Anne Louise Hance Guidry, the much loved daughter of Eldridge and Mary D. Hance was born on December 19, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Anne graduated from Oberlin High School where she excelled at basketball, served on the homecoming court, and cheered on her beloved Tigers; and

WHEREAS, she was a graduate of McNeese State University where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as her master's plus 30 in education; during college she was an active member of the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Phi Mu Sorority, serving as the president in 1975; she maintained lifelong friendships with her Phi Mu sisters and played an active role as an alumna; and

WHEREAS, she served as an inspirational teacher and coach in Calcasieu Parish schools for over twenty-eight years and as an administrator for seven years; and

WHEREAS, she was dedicated to her students and her athletes, coaching the Sam Houston Lady Broncos with great success; she was named both district basketball Coach of the Year and district softball Coach of the Year numerous times throughout her coaching career; she was named Southwest Louisiana softball Coach of the Year and was selected to coach the State All-Star games for both softball and basketball, but she reached the pinnacle of success as a coach when she was inducted into the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, she left the ranks of coaching but did not stray far, becoming assistant

principal at Sam Houston High School; even as an administrator, she continued her endeavors to help each student become all that he or she could become; it was her life's mission, she always emanated purple and gold, and her mantra, "Go Big Sam!" became and will continue to be the school's mantra; and

WHEREAS, she registered over thirty-five years of dedication, perseverance and excellence to education in her community; she had a passion for education with a great deal of compassion for others, remaining a progressive voice for education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Anne Guidry was a devout Catholic, serving the St. Theodore Church community in a variety of roles throughout her life: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court of the Visitation 1999, and was a participant in the first St. Theodore/St. Pius A.C.T.S. mission; and

WHEREAS, she was an outstanding and highly admired citizen of Louisiana who worked tirelessly on a multitude of civic and religious causes in the community of Moss Bluff and was an active member of the Ward I Recreation Board and served in an advisory capacity on other community boards, a three-time cancer survivor, a successful fundraising advocate for the Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, and was the epitome of a true blue friend, intensely loyal to her family, her friends, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Anne demonstrated a record of service, sacrifice, and excellence to her family as a wife to her wonderful, dedicated, devoted, and cherished husband of twenty-eight years, Bobby Guidry, and mother to their beloved and cherished son, Michael Hance Guidry, and a proud and doting "Nana" to her adored Emmy, Reese, and Ryleigh Guidry, along with their extended family Abel Guidry and wife Shelley Anne and a host of other relatives whose love of family was of the utmost importance in Anne's life; and

WHEREAS, she leaves behind her treasured Baton Rouge family and a host of very dear friends, including her Bourre' buddies and all "Her girls" from all the teams she coached, who will miss her greatly and smile as they remember this inspirational and extraordinary lady with only the fondest of memories; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life and career Anne Guidry remained humble, kind, generous, and spiritually grounded, which was a major part of her success as well as the success and happiness of all those who were honored to have known her; and

WHEREAS, because of her numerous accomplishments in public and private life, Anne Guidry's passing has left a void in her community and in her state and has created a genuine sense of profound sorrow in her friends and family; and

WHEREAS, the success of our state, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon women like Anne Guidry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana acknowledges with gratitude the outstanding service and many accomplishments of Anne Louise Hance Guidry, and extends sincere condolences to her family on the occasion of her passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to her husband, Bobby Guidry.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES