

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of
Claire "Pookie" McNulty.

WHEREAS, Claire LaGrange McNulty, known to family and friends as "Pookie",
died on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, where she resided at Poydras Home in New Orleans,
Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty was born on February 23, 1932, the only child
of Gus LaGrange and Mae LeBlanc Louviere; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty was raised by her grandmother Adele "Maw"
Bourgeois LeBlanc; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty began dancing lessons at the age of three and
owned and operated her own dancing studio at the age of thirteen, until she graduated from
St. John Academy in 1947 and attended Louisiana State University (LSU); and

WHEREAS, she was one of the youngest members of the Dance Masters of America;
and

WHEREAS, she was selected as an LSU Beauty and was an LSU cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, for the rest of her life, Claire "Pookie" McNulty continued to cheer
enthusiastically for LSU; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty married Michael "Mickey" J. McNulty Jr. on
October 14, 1949. They moved to New Orleans while he attended Tulane Law School and
then to Franklin after his graduation; and

WHEREAS, after raising her children in Franklin, Claire "Pookie" McNulty returned
to New Orleans where she worked tirelessly as a volunteer for many charitable and civic
organizations, including the DePaul Guild, St. Michael's Special School, and the Stokers'
Club; she also did fundraising for the PBS station WLAE; and

WHEREAS, she was the life of every social gathering she attended; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty spent her final years at Poydras Home in New Orleans where she was selected as Queen of the Mardi Gras her first year there; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty will be remembered by her family as a strong, loving, and supportive mother, and by family, friends, and acquaintances as a witty, vivacious, intelligent, and charming woman; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty is survived by her son, Michael "Mike" J. McNulty III and his wife, Mary Plauche McNulty of New Orleans; three daughters, Marsha McNulty and her husband, Edward Chase of Franklin, Laura "LaLa" McNulty of New Orleans, and Mary "Doogie" Jud and her husband, Bob Jud of Dallas; five grandchildren, Dr. Michael J. McNulty IV and his wife, Celeste Laborde McNulty of New Orleans; Lane McNulty of New Orleans; William McNulty and his fiancée, Elizabeth Wade of Mobile; Elizabeth Kemp Fein and her husband, James Fein of New Orleans; and James Kemp of New York City; four great-grandchildren, Elliot Laborde McNulty, Mary Margaret McNulty, Colette Claire McNulty, and James Sheldon Fein II, all of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Claire "Pookie" McNulty was preceded in death by her husband, Judge Michael "Mickey" J. McNulty Jr. and her parents Gus LaGrange and Mae LeBlanc Louviere; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her death, her daughter Laura was with Claire "Pookie" McNulty; and

WHEREAS, the family extends heartfelt gratitude to Poydras Home and Passages Hospice in New Orleans, Dr. Roland Degeyter and his staff in Franklin, and Shirley Chatman, Claire "Pookie" McNulty's wonderful caregiver.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere regrets and condolences to the family of Claire "Pookie" McNulty on the occasion of her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Claire "Pookie" McNulty.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES