

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR KOSTELKA AND REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of
Clarence Eugene Faulk, Jr.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Clarence Eugene Faulk, Jr., on Friday,
March 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faulk was born January 9, 1909 in West Monroe and lived to see
a century of life in his beloved state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, after two years at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee,
he transferred to the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri where he met his
loving wife, Louise; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Louisiana, Mr. Faulk became publisher of the Ruston
Daily Leader, a position he maintained for thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, although he was not drafted into World War II because of a serious eye
condition, he served as a first lieutenant in the Home Guard, and was a member of the War
Price and Rationing Board, and was chairman of the Lincoln Parish effort for the United
States Savings Bond Program, and later became an unofficial historian on Camp Ruston, a
prisoner of war camp that held thousands of German and Italian prisoners during the war;
and

WHEREAS, he brought the city of Ruston its first radio station in 1947 and managed
it for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, he served for many years as the president of the Louisiana Press
Association and the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters; and

WHEREAS, of great importance to him were his memberships in Trinity Methodist
Church, where he served many functions, including teaching Sunday school for twelve years,
and the Ruston Kiwanis Club, where he was a member for seventy years and served as a
president; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to the community of Ruston was wide and varied and he was actively involved in the Ruston-Lincoln Parish Centennial, the Peach Festival, the Lincoln Parish Housing Authority which he chaired for twenty-nine years, and the Lincoln Parish Library; and

WHEREAS, in good times and in bad he was a faithful supporter and contributor to the Department of Journalism at Louisiana Tech University, where he founded the Clarence and Louise Faulk Chair of Journalism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faulk's one hundredth birthday in January 2009 was the occasion of a festive party in which he received a Certificate of Honor from Louisiana Tech University, an Expression of Commendation along with a Letter of Special Recognition from Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, and a proclamation from the mayor of Ruston designating January 9th "Clarence Faulk Day"; and

WHEREAS, as he was a well recognized source of oral history about Ruston and North Louisiana, he greatly enjoyed telling stories that were filled with historical gems, and he became known as an expert on the 1934 ambush of Bonnie and Clyde, since as a young newspaper reporter he covered the story on the scene; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him best in business and in his personal life recognize that his love for Ruston and his place in the community were major driving forces in his life; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Mr. Clarence Faulk will remain eternal in the hearts and minds of his family, friends, and all of those who loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Mr. Clarence Faulk, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Mr. Clarence Faulk, Jr.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES