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First Extraordinary Session, 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Patricia Smith Michot of Lafayette.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3	passing of Patricia Smith Michot of Lafayette, Louisiana, and to celebrate a life well
4	lived.
5	WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of
6	the passing of a great lady and family matriarch, Patricia "Pat" Michot on April 11, 2011;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, Pat Michot was a living legend in Lafayette Parish, a gentlewoman of
9	abundant social grace, effervescence, and civic acumen; she led an unselfish life of service
10	to her community, family, and church; and
11	WHEREAS, Pat Michot was a classic lady as well known for her cultural endeavors
12	as her quick wit, sparkling eyes, and contagious smile: and
13	WHEREAS, the life of Pat Michot was one of active participation in the politics of
14	the day; she also acted as a businesswoman, a patron of Acadian art, culture, and music, a
15	civic leader, wife, and mother; and
16	WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Smith was born in St. Mary Parish on March 2, 1926, in
17	Patterson, Louisiana, to parents, William Bathie Smith and Rita Maria Marin; and
18	WHEREAS, she was reared along the banks of the Lower Atchafalaya River where

1	her father managed Idlewild Farms, a dairy and sugar cane plantation; and
2	WHEREAS, Pat was an avid tennis athlete who graduated as valedictorian of the
3	senior class from Patterson High School in 1942; and
4	WHEREAS, she obtained a degree in home economics in 1946 from Southwestern
5	Louisiana Institute, now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; she was a
6	member of Sigma Sigma Sorority and was selected as Queen of the V-12 by the V-12
7	cadets; and
8	WHEREAS, while at college, she met and fell in love with a dashing World War II
9	veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Louis Joseph Michot, Jr., and they were married
10	in September 1946; and
11	WHEREAS, married for sixty-five years, their life together was a happy one, a Cajun
12	Camelot of sorts, Louis was a successful businessman and politico who held several state
13	and local elected offices, and Pat was the warm, gracious wife, mother of ten children, and
14	a boundless source of energy; and
15	WHEREAS, their home was the center of bustling activity where Pat welcomed
16	friends and family with style, grace, and flair, and created a congenial atmosphere of
17	enjoyment and fellowship found only in a large, boisterous family; and
18	WHEREAS, her children were her most precious achievement, Carolyn Rose Michot,
19	Yvette Marie Michot, Marilyn Ann Breaux, Patrick Louis Michot, Thomas Claud Michot,
20	David Luke Michot, Timothy Paul Michot, Robert James Michot, Michael John Michot, and
21	Yvonne Marie Michot, for she gave them wings and perseverance; and
22	WHEREAS, Pat Michot had an irrepressible zeal for community activities which
23	include the Red Jackets, University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association, Tennis
24	Association of Lafayette Ladies, Les Chenes de Rotisseries, Les Amis, Cajun Ski Club, and
25	International Good Neighbor Council; and
26	WHEREAS, she was honored by the ULL College of Agriculture in 1968 as its
27	outstanding alumna; and
28	WHEREAS, Pat Michot also shaped a successful professional life as a teacher in
29	St. Landry Parish, a home service representative for Louisiana Power and Light Company,
30	and a variety of positions in the family business of Louis J. Michot and Associates; and

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1	WHEREAS, Pat Michot was an accomplished painter and promoter of Cajun French
2	music through two ensembles, La Frere Michot and The Lost Bayou Ramblers; and
3	WHEREAS, the life of Pat Michot was a continuous thread of quality woven into
4	eighty-five years of south Louisiana history; and
5	WHEREAS, the people of Lafayette have suffered a loss as this gentile lady and her
6	classic presence has passed from their midst; and
7	WHEREAS, the spirit of Pat Michot lives on through the lives of her husband, Louis,
8	their ten children, nineteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, fond friends, extended
9	family, and all who knew her and benefitted from her kindness; and
10	WHEREAS, Pat Michot epitomized the strength of southern womanhood, fulfilled
11	a personal commitment to live Life to its fullest, and pledged a sacred trust to give back to
12	others more than she received; and
13	WHEREAS, Pat Michot shall long be remembered for her compassion, her devotion
14	to family, her commitment to God, her graciousness, and her charming personality.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of a great woman, Patricia Smith
17	Michot, and especially her son, and our friend and colleague, Senator Michael J. Michot.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19	celebrate the life forged by Pat Michot; a life filled with compassion and <i>joie de vivre</i> .
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21	Senator Michael Michot.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

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DIGEST

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