

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 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

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 *joie de vivre*.

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.

DIGEST

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SCR No. 25

Expresses condolences upon the passing of Patricia S. "Pat" Michot of Lafayette.