

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATORS CHAISSON, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, CHABERT, CHEEK, CLAITOR, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, ERDEY, GAUTREAUX, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, PERRY, PETERSON, QUINN, RISER, SHAW, SMITH, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WILLARD-LEWIS AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOU CET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, TUCKER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Patricia Smith Michot of Lafayette, Louisiana, and to celebrate a life well lived.

WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a great lady and family matriarch, Patricia "Pat" Michot on April 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot was a living legend in Lafayette Parish, a gentlewoman of abundant social grace, effervescence, and civic acumen; she led an unselfish life of service to her community, family, and church; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot was a classic lady, as well known for her cultural endeavors as her quick wit, sparkling eyes, and contagious smile; and

WHEREAS, the life of Pat Michot was one of active participation in the politics of the day; she also acted as a businesswoman, a patron of Acadian art, culture, and music, a civic leader, wife, and mother; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Ann Smith was born in St. Mary Parish on March 2, 1926, in Patterson, Louisiana, to parents, William Bathie Smith and Rita Maria Marin; and

WHEREAS, she was reared along the banks of the Lower Atchafalaya River where her

father managed Idlewild Farms, a dairy and sugar cane plantation; and

WHEREAS, Pat was an avid tennis athlete who graduated as valedictorian of the senior class from Patterson High School in 1942; and

WHEREAS, she obtained a degree in home economics in 1946 from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and was selected as Queen of the V-12 by the V-12 cadets; and

WHEREAS, while at college, she met and fell in love with a dashing World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Louis Joseph Michot, Jr., and they were married in September 1946; and

WHEREAS, married for sixty-five years, their life together was a happy one, a Cajun Camelot of sorts; Louis was a successful businessman and politico who held several state and local elected offices, and Pat was the warm, gracious wife, mother of ten children, and a boundless source of energy; and

WHEREAS, their home was the center of bustling activity where Pat welcomed friends and family with style, grace, and flair, and created a congenial atmosphere of enjoyment and fellowship found only in a large, boisterous family; and

WHEREAS, her children were her most precious achievement, Carolyn Rose Michot, Yvette Marie Michot, Marilyn Ann Breaux, Patrick Louis Michot, Thomas Claud Michot, David Luke Michot, Timothy Paul Michot, Robert James Michot, Michael John Michot, and Yvonne Marie Michot, for she gave them wings and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot had an irrepressible zeal for community activities which include the Red Jackets, University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association, Tennis Association of Lafayette Ladies, Les Chenes de Rotisseries, Les Amis, Cajun Ski Club, and International Good Neighbor Council; and

WHEREAS, she was honored by the ULL College of Agriculture in 1968 as its outstanding alumna; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot also shaped a successful professional life as a teacher in St. Landry Parish, a home service representative for Louisiana Power and Light Company, and a variety of positions in the family business of Louis J. Michot and Associates; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot was an accomplished painter and promoter of Cajun French music through two ensembles, La Frere Michot and The Lost Bayou Ramblers; and

WHEREAS, the life of Pat Michot was a continuous thread of quality woven into eighty-five years of south Louisiana history; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lafayette have suffered a loss as this genteel lady and her classic presence has passed from their midst; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of Pat Michot lives on through the lives of her husband, Louis, their ten children, nineteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, fond friends, extended family, and all who knew her and benefitted from her kindness; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot epitomized the strength of southern womanhood, fulfilled a personal commitment to live life to its fullest, and pledged a sacred trust to give back to others more than she received; and

WHEREAS, Pat Michot shall long be remembered for her compassion, her devotion to family, her commitment to God, her graciousness, and her charming personality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of a great woman, Patricia Smith Michot, and especially her son, and our friend and colleague, Senator Michael J. Michot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby celebrate the life forged by Pat Michot; a life filled with compassion and *joie de vivre*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Michael Michot.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES