

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Joseph "Rock" Palermo III, to acknowledge his lifelong commitment to his family and community, and to note his many contributions made on behalf of the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the death of attorney Joseph "Rock" Palermo III of Lake Charles, who passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at the age of fifty-five; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo graduated from Louisiana State University with a bachelor's degree in 1987 and a law degree in 1992 where he was selected to the Moot Court Board; and

WHEREAS, he was a well-respected attorney and member of the Louisiana State Bar Association; a partner in the law firm of Veron, Bice, Palermo & Wilson in Lake Charles; a founding member of the Judge Albert Tate Inn of Court; a member of the LSU Law Center Board of Trustees; a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates; a member of the Louisiana Association for Justice; and a member of the LSU Law Center Trial Advocacy faculty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo delighted in all things involving his family; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid scuba diver and instructor, and it was during a scuba class he met the love of his life, Kim, and their shared love for diving was passed onto their family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo loved being a father to his three children and could not have been prouder of his children with whom he enjoyed spending every minute, from discussing politics and world travel with Rachel, to attending Ryan's baseball games, and listening to Sarah play guitar and speak the Spanish language; and

WHEREAS, no words exist to describe the void left by his absence, as he was simultaneously their biggest cheerleader and real life superhero; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo was a talented photographer and documented his family's numerous trips and adventures; and

WHEREAS, his most cherished hobby, passed on by his father, was flying and he was happiest in the clouds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo passed on his joy of flying to many people as a certified flight instructor and a licensed airline transport pilot with airplane, jet, and helicopter ratings; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the United States Civil Air Patrol with the United States Air Force Auxiliary, for which he held the rank of colonel, and he also served as the secretary of the board of the Lake Charles Regional Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, his love of flying connected him to a childhood dream of policing his neighbors on Palermo Drive, and his love for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department enabled him to serve his community as captain of the aviation unit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo was preceded in death by this father, Joseph R. Palermo Jr.; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Kim; and his three children, Rachel Palermo, Ryan Palermo (Madison), and Sarah Palermo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo is also survived by his mother, Jackie Palermo; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jenny and Reggie Keogh; his brother, Lance Palermo (Tonia); sisters, Ashley Palermo (Nick Goodling) and Alisha Palermo; brother-in-law, Scott Seeliger (Sheila); sister-in-law, Keri Keogh (Dave); a host of nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles, and numerous loving cousins and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palermo's friends numbered in the thousands and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences upon the passing of Joseph "Rock" Palermo III and does hereby acknowledge his lifelong commitment to his family and community and notes his many contributions made on behalf of the state of Louisiana.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Kim Palermo.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES