

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of
Billy B. Booth.

WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the
death of Billy B. Booth.

WHEREAS, Billy Byron Booth passed away on December 26, 2020, at the age of
74 after a fierce fight with COVID-19 and pneumonia; and

WHEREAS, Billy was born on June 2, 1946, in Terry, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Bogalusa High School as well as Louisiana College
where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion and speech; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Billy joined the New Orleans Police Department where he
served as a patrolman in the third district, worked in the communications division, became
an emergency medical technician, and capped his career with the New Orleans Police
Department as a bomb squad technician, all while earning his bachelor's degree in
criminology from Loyola University in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Billy later served as a state trooper in Troop B and was selected to be
part of their executive protection unit where he had the privilege of protecting Lieutenant
Governor James Fitzmorris Jr. who became a lifelong friend; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he was hired as chief of security for McMoran Oil and Gas and
later Freeport-McMoran where Billy worked for twenty years, including seven years as
director of security at their copper mine in Iran Jaya, Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, after over thirty years of service in high stress occupations, Billy tried
to retire, but it only lasted six months which was long enough to catch up on projects around
the house; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Billy acted on his call to duty and joined the newly-created Transportation Security Administration as a supervisory transportation officer, where he also served as a trainer and analyst; and

WHEREAS, he was promoted to lead transportation security specialist for explosives where he continued to proudly serve until he became ill; and

WHEREAS, Billy was a faithful Christian and a proud member of the Gideons International, a deacon at St. Rose Community Church and First Baptist Church of Kenner, and participated with joy in numerous church choirs and Bible study groups; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the St. Rose Planning and Zoning Commission for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Billy is survived by his beloved wife Theresa Miller Booth; his brother John David Booth Sr. and spouse Susan; his sisters-in-law Opal Bode and spouse George, and Janis Bonura and spouse Justin; his brother-in-law Sam Miller and spouse Debbi; children Paul Byron Booth and Dr. Angela Booth Wingfield and spouse Bill; his stepson Wayne Barrett Marvin Jr. and spouse Cole; his step-son-in-law Billy Maisano; grandchildren Spencer and Claire Wingfield; John Paul and Miles Booth; Lauren, Nicole, Katherine, and Will Maisano; Amanda, Emma, and Grant Marvin; Haleigh, Alaina and Ben Gardner; as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life, Billy B. Booth will be forever remembered by the people and friends in Louisiana for his integrity, dignity, courage, and the joy he left in the hearts of all who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere regrets and condolences to his family on the occasion of his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Theresa Miller Booth.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES