

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of the Honorable George Forrest Dunn Jr., to acknowledge his lifelong commitment to public service, 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 businessman and former legislator, Forrest Dunn of Shreveport, who passed away on Saturday, October 15, 2016, one month past his eighty-eighth birthday; and

WHEREAS, Forrest Dunn embodied the best qualities of a public servant; he held a genuine interest in the people he served and felt a personal responsibility to represent all of his constituency with honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, he served with unwavering dedication as a three-term member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1972 until 1984, having represented the concerns of District Three in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Forrest Dunn also served for twelve years as director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and, as its administrator, he worked diligently to acquire extraordinary exhibits to pique the interests of a broad spectrum of the community; and

WHEREAS, born in Plain Dealing on September 6, 1928, he was the only child of George Forrest Dunn Sr. and the former Gladys Malone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn attended Bossier High School; as a youth of fifteen, joined the United States Navy during World War II and served aboard the U.S.S. Richmond, a cruiser assigned to protect the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, before his election to the Legislature of Louisiana, Forrest Dunn was

elected to a seat on the Caddo Parish School Board, serving during the turbulent times of court-ordered school desegregation; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the legislature, Representative Dunn garnered assignments to the House standing committees on education, ways and means, retirement, and commerce, and penned meaningful legislation to aid the mentally and physically challenged, to elevate Louisiana State University at Shreveport from a two-year academic program to a four-year undergraduate institution, and to change the office of state superintendent of education from that of an elected official to an appointed position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn was a successful businessman who founded Dunn Furniture Company in 1955 and ran a lucrative operation for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Forrest Dunn was a gracious community leader who expressed his gratitude for his good fortune by participation in all manner of civic interests that included the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana State Fair Executive Committee, the Community Organization for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Shreveport Transit and Study Committee, the Shreveport Housing Authority, and the Downtown Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, the many public and nonprofit agencies that benefitted from his guidance included his service as president of Holiday in Dixie, chairman of the Ambassador's Club, campaign chairman for United Way, chairman of The ARC Caddo-Bossier, and executive board member of the Shreveport Parks and Recreation Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn felt his greatest achievement was the founding of H.A.P. House (the Handicapped Are Producers), a nonprofit organization housed at Barksdale Air Force Base which provides a sheltered environment for handicapped workers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunn was also proud to serve as a delegate to the White House Conference on the Handicapped and to the Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, Forrest Dunn was honored with many well-deserved accolades that included receipt of numerous awards, such as, Leader of the New Century by The Shreveport Times, the Legend Award from the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, the Humanitarian Award from the Community Council, a Lifetime Tribute from the Norwela

Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and induction into the Bossier High School Alumni Association's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, as a man of unfaltering faith, Forrest Dunn was an active member of St. Mark Episcopal Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Young Dunn, and son, James Forrest "Jimmy" Dunn, and is survived by a daughter, Linda Dunn Turner, and her husband, Danny Bob Turner; and by a son, Robby Jack Dunn, and his wife, Nancy Marabella; six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, extended family, and very special friends; and

WHEREAS, Forrest Dunn was a singular individual with a generous nature, blessed with an abundance of determination and skills; he performed his public service proudly and willingly; he extended courtesy to all; and he leaves a rich and unique legacy of good works to his family, community, state, and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences upon the passing of the Honorable George Forrest Dunn Jr., Shreveport businessman, former legislator, and director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, and does hereby acknowledge his lifelong commitment to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his children, Linda D. Turner and Robby Jack Dunn.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES