

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND JACKSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Venoy Kinnaird.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned that Venoy Kinnaird died on June 5, 2020, at the age of seventy-five; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifelong farmer and one of Louisiana's largest sweet potato growers; and

WHEREAS, he prepared his famous purple hull pea soup for a pea cookin' for governors, army generals, sheriffs, state lawmakers, and members of Congress for more than thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Venoy Kinnaird lived a life of community service; he served for many years on the board of commissioners of the Tensas Levee District Board, the Bastrop Municipal Police and Fire Civil Service Board, and on the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission; and

WHEREAS, he was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam and, because of this, and his love for this country, veteran causes were always important to him; he was instrumental in creating the Morehouse Parish Veterans Memorial, located on the courthouse square; it was his vision to create a monument to recognize all veterans of Morehouse Parish who lost their lives defending their country; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnaird was preceded in death by his parents, Julian and Mildred Kinnaird; brother, Tom Kinnaird; and brother-in-law, Harold Wooden; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of fifty years, Pauline Kinnaird; daughters, Jeana Kinnaird Jankowski and husband Chuck, Julie Kinnaird McCall and husband Chris, Jennifer Kinnaird Stephenson and husband Kenneth; sisters, Reatagae Kinnaird Wooden,

Becky Kinnaird Johnson and husband Earnest, and Cindy Kinnaird Shockey; and grandchildren, Baylee Jankowski, Cooper Kinnaird Stephenson, Katie McCall, Julian Stephenson, and Emma McCall; and

WHEREAS, he was a truly dedicated public servant concerned with his farm, his community, state, and nation, as well as a devoted family man who always had time for his friends; and

WHEREAS, Venoy Kinnaird was an extraordinary man who shall forever be remembered for his life's work and accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Venoy Kinnaird, does hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements and his long and productive public service, and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this fine citizen will forever bring to his family and friends, to Tensas Parish, to the state of Louisiana, and to the United States of America.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES