

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Louisiana Legislature upon the death of Charles Krauthammer.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Charles Krauthammer on June 21, 2018, at the age of sixty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Charles Krauthammer was born on March 13, 1950, in New York City to Shulim and Thea Krauthammer; and

WHEREAS, his father was from Bolekhiv, Ukraine, and his mother was from Belgium; and

WHEREAS, when he was five years old, his mother, father, and older brother, Marcel, moved to Montreal; and

WHEREAS, during the school year they resided in Montreal but spent the summers in Long Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krauthammer and his brother were educated at a Hebrew school, and he attended McGill University in Montreal, graduating in 1970 with First Class Honors in both economics and political science; and

WHEREAS, at the time, McGill University was a hotbed of radical sentiment, something he said influenced his dislike of political extremism; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from McGill University, he studied as a Commonwealth Scholar in politics at Balliol College, Oxford, before returning to the United States to attend medical school at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krauthammer sustained injuries in a diving board accident during his first year of medical school that left him paralyzed below the neck and required him to be hospitalized for fourteen months; and

WHEREAS, he remained with his Harvard Medical School class during his hospitalization, graduating in 1975, and from 1975 through 1978, he was a resident in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as chief resident his final year; and

WHEREAS, during his time as chief resident he noted a variant of manic depression, bipolar disorder, that he identified and named "Secondary Mania"; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Krauthammer moved to Washington, DC, to direct planning in psychiatric research under the Carter administration and began contributing articles about politics to *The New Republic*; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, he served as a speech writer to Vice President Walter Mondale and in January 1981, joined *The New Republic* as both a writer and editor; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, he began writing essays for *Time Magazine*, including one on the Reagan Doctrine, which first brought him national acclaim as a writer; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Krauthammer was board certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and his essays for *The New Republic* won the National Magazine Award for Essays and Criticism; and

WHEREAS, the weekly column he began writing for *The Washington Post* in 1985 won him the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1987, and in 1990, he became a panelist for the weekly Public Broadcasting System political roundtable *Inside Washington*, remaining with the show until it ceased production in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krauthammer's 2004 speech "Democratic Realism", which was delivered to the American Enterprise Institute when he won the Irving Kristol Award, set out a framework for tackling the post-9/11 world, focusing on the promotion of democracy in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, he published *Things That Matter: Three Decades of Passions, Pastimes and Politics*, which was an immediate bestseller, remaining on *The New York Times* bestseller list for thirty-eight weeks and spending ten weeks in a row at number one; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2013, Mr. Krauthammer received the William F. Buckley Award for Media Excellence and was honored with additional awards including the People for the American Way's First Amendment Award, the Champion/Tuck Award for

Economic Understanding, the first annual Bradley Prize, and the Eric Breindel Award for Excellence in Opinion Journalism; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Chess Journalists of America and the Council on Foreign Relations, was cofounder of Pro Musica Hebraica, a not-for-profit organization devoted to presenting Jewish classical music, much of it lost or forgotten, in a concert hall setting, and was fluent in French and Hebrew; and

WHEREAS, married since 1974, Mr. Krauthammer is survived by his loving wife, Robyn Tretheway Krauthammer, and his son, Daniel; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Shulim and Thea Krauthammer; and a brother, Marcel; and

WHEREAS, the success of the United States, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like Charles Krauthammer; and

WHEREAS, Charles Krauthammer was a gentleman who was admired by all whose lives he touched, leaves behind a rich and unique legacy, and is greatly missed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles Krauthammer, records for posterity his outstanding achievements, and extends enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Charles Krauthammer.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES