

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Willie Aubrey Salard of Broussard, Louisiana, to commend his lifelong interest in quarter horse racing, and to note his many contributions to the breeding of champion racehorses.

WHEREAS, Willie Aubrey Salard had a passion for a "good race horse" and the equine husbandry that resulted in the careful breeding of a winner; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Willie Aubrey Salard won his first horse race at Evangeline Downs in Lafayette and remained active in Louisiana quarter horse racing for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mr. Salard saw great promise in the breeding of broodmare, Stoli Alicat, with sire, Jet Black Patriot; the result was a foal named Magic Black Jack born on January 15, 2013, that was raised and sale-prepped at Robicheaux Ranch in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Magic Black Jack had all the desired thoroughbred characteristics of length and muscle and this horse also had the innate heart and spirit of a champion; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2017, at Delta Downs Louisiana-bred Magic Black Jack delivered a riveting performance in the \$50,000 Flying Breed Stakes, setting a new track record in the 220-yard dash with a time of :11.466 seconds (118 speed index); and

WHEREAS, after verification of the race time, Willie Salard was elated to receive notification from the American Quarter Horse Association that four year old Magic Black Jack had not only set a new Delta Downs track record, but also a new Quarter Horse World Record; and

WHEREAS, this was a remarkable feat for Willie Salard, who was eighty-five years of age at that time; the win represented the zenith of a lifetime of devotion to quarter horse racing as an owner and breeder; and

WHEREAS, Magic Black Jack won five of his twelve career starts with earnings of \$226,246 for owner, Ana Alvidrez, trainer, Martin Trejo, and jockey, Everardo Rodriguez; and

WHEREAS, Willie Salard felt a deep affection for horses; horse breeding was his lifelong vocation; and his years of unyielding hard work produced many winners and one extraordinary quarter horse that set a world record.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Willie Aubrey Salard, champion quarter horse owner and breeder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby note the many contributions that Mr. Salard had made to quarter horse breeding and the genesis of champion race horse, Magic Black Jack.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his son, Bruce Terry Salard.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES