

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR BROOME AND REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Baton Rouge television and radio personality, Ed Buggs.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the death of Ed Buggs on May 5, 2010, at age fifty-five, has been learned; and

WHEREAS, with a motto of "mic with a mission", he had one of the most recognizable voices in television and radio; and

WHEREAS, while Edward Claude Buggs, Jr., was born in New Orleans to Edward Claude "Sarge" Buggs and Hazel F. Buggs, he was raised in Baton Rouge and graduated Glen Oaks High School, attended Southern University and Louisiana State University, and graduated from Columbia School of Broadcasting in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, he began his professional career in Baton Rouge with WBRZ Channel 2 at the age of nineteen as a reporter and weekend anchor, breaking the color barrier as an anchor; moved to anchoring evening news in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, and later in New Orleans, before returning to Baton Rouge as a long-time news anchor at WBRZ-TV, from 1974 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, while an anchor at WBRZ, the program was selected for the Pulitzer, Dupont Columbia, and Scripps-Howard awards, the most prestigious in television news; and

WHEREAS, as a radio talk show host, he was a household name with the Ed Buggs Show, having an informative, thought provoking, and entertaining format, on WJBO-AM in 1997 and later at WIBR-AM, 1300 AM; and

WHEREAS, Ed Buggs ended each of his talk show broadcasts with "If you're living your life as if there is no God... you better be right. Shalom..."; and

WHEREAS, he had an entrepreneurial spirit and engaged in a variety of business ventures from real estate to clothing manufacturing, more recently participating as a principal in the acquisition and management of broadcast properties and being a motivational speaker; and

WHEREAS, Ed Buggs was involved in his community extensively, being the recipient of numerous awards; and

WHEREAS, he was a Christian who openly professed his faith through Bible study groups, church, and participation in a prison ministry, always striving to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Ed Buggs was a loving and kind individual who loved Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, while being preceded in death by his father, he is survived by his mother, Hazel F. Buggs; former wife, Debby Herman Buggs; brother, Clarence Buggs; sister, Jacentha Buggs-Morrison and husband Bob Morrison; nephews, Robert and Edward Morrison; niece, Gabrielle Morrison; and godsister, Rosalind Wright; and

WHEREAS, Ed Buggs was a local legend and trail-blazing pioneer who will be missed by his family, friends, and all who had the opportunity to know him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Ed Buggs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Edward Claude Buggs, Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES