

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR STINE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Shelby H. LaCroix upon the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Shelby H. LaCroix, a distinguished veteran, beloved husband, father, and entrepreneur, passed away peacefully at the age of 77 on April 14, surrounded by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, born on December 18, 1946, in Hammond, Louisiana, Shelby was the son of the late Rebecca (Rayford) Barnett and Shelby H. LaCroix Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Shelby married Janie Stine LaCroix on May 2, 1975, and they shared 48 years of marriage filled with love, devotion, and partnership; and

WHEREAS, Shelby was a graduate of Northwestern University in Natchitoches and served his country with honor and distinction in the U.S. Air Force, flying the C-130 in Vietnam for two tours and completing 197 missions, later earning his master's degree in hospital administration from Webster University while stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Shelby's service to his nation spanned 14 years on active duty as a major, followed by service in the Air Force Reserves as a Hurricane Hunter, and subsequently as a captain for Southwest Airlines until his retirement in 2006 at age 60, after which he founded Great Western Valve in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Shelby was a devoted family man who cherished spending time with his wife and supporting her sculpting business at LaCroix Art Studio; he is preceded in death by his son Trey and is survived by his beloved wife Janie, four sisters, four daughters, and fifteen grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Shelby's life exemplified dedication, courage, and resilience, leaving an indelible mark on his family, community, and country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Shelby H. LaCroix upon the occasion of his passing and recognizes his exceptional contributions to his country and community.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE