

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATOR CROWE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Charles Hilbert Reppel Sr., a commissioner on the board of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District.

WHEREAS, Charles Reppel was born in New Orleans and died on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at the age of eighty; and

WHEREAS, Reppel was a veteran of the United States Navy and served his country during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, following his service to his country, Charles Reppel married Sylvia Merwin Reppel and the couple raised eight children; and

WHEREAS, he began his employment with Smith & Johnson Shipping Company in 1954, working his way up to purchasing agent, assistant traffic manager, and assistant operations manager; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Reppel left Smith & Johnson and Louisiana to accept a new position with West India Shipping in West Palm Beach, Florida, as project manager; and

WHEREAS, his position with West India involved traveling to Caribbean ports, South America, Central America, Mexico, Panama Canal Zone, and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Reppel returned to Louisiana to accept a position with the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, which was established by the legislature in 1960, as operations manager, where he represented the St. Bernard Port at the Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL) meetings, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 he retired from the district, but he continued to attend PAL meetings and in 2007 he was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the district and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Reppel was a well known resident of St. Bernard Parish, where he was active in many community and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Louisiana River Pilots Association and the Plimsoll Club and a longtime coach of many successful baseball and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, as past president and board member of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District, Charles Reppel gave extensively of his time and talents to support this essential economic driver for St. Bernard Parish; and

WHEREAS, Charles Reppel continued his service to the people of St. Bernard upon his selection as director of the St. Bernard Recreation department in 2001, where he remained through 2004.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Charles Hilbert Reppel Sr., a commissioner on the board of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the widow of Charles Hilbert Reppel Sr., Sylvia Merwin Reppel.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE