

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATORS PERRY AND JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels on June 8, 2016, at the age of seventy-two; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ann Deshotels, affectionately known as "C.A.", was born in Long Beach, California, to James Hawkins and the former Carolyn Reed; and

WHEREAS, her family later moved to Shreveport where she graduated from Fair Park High School; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of her parents and the love they shared for teaching, C.A. subsequently enrolled at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston and graduated with a degree in elementary education; and

WHEREAS, it was there that she met the love of her life, Henri, and they married in 1968 and later moved to Kaplan to begin their life together; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, she enjoyed teaching at the elementary school level and even though she was not a native of Kaplan, she embraced the community and gave it her all; and

WHEREAS, C.A. never met a stranger and lovingly cared for everyone, always putting the needs of others before her own; and

WHEREAS, her infectious smile and laughter always filled every room she entered, she had a warm and caring spirit, and she loved serving as the gracious hostess while entertaining family and friends; and

WHEREAS, loving and living life to the fullest, she was constantly planning the next trip or gathering; and

WHEREAS, C.A.'s love spread like wild flowers to her family, friends, and community, and she touched the lives of so many with a profound and lasting impact; and

WHEREAS, she was a role model, a mentor, and an avid volunteer who practiced what she preached by serving on the Board of Directors of the Kaplan Food Bank and as a member of Chez Elles Women's Club for forty-five years, the Kaplan Garden Club, and the Vermilion Parish Retired Teachers Association, as a charter member of the Kaplan Museum Committee, a former member of Beta Sigma Phi Social Club, and a volunteer for many community events and organizational activities; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels is survived by her loving husband of forty-seven years, O.H. "Henri" Deshotels; two daughters, Aimée D. Kane and Natalie Montgomery Hargrave; one grandson, Thomas Montgomery; two step-grandchildren, Stanton and Sophie Hargrave; two granddogs, Ellie and Callie; two sisters, Barbara Crawford and Susan Breard; one brother, Robert Hawkins; and numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, James and Carolyn Reed Hawkins; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and dear friend who was admired by all whose lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, the death of Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels has left a substantial void in the Kaplan community and her memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all those who knew and loved this remarkable lady.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels and extends enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she will forever bring to the Kaplan community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Carol Ann "C.A." Deshotels.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE