

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of David Anthony Trahan.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of David Anthony Trahan, at age sixty-eight, on May 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, he was born on June 8, 1950, to Eugene and Ethelyn Trahan in Lafayette, Louisiana, graduated from Cathedral Carmel High School in 1968, and attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana, where he met his wife of forty-eight years, Alexis Cotten Trahan; and

WHEREAS, they moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, in the 1970s, where David Trahan opened a branch of Gaidry's Men's Wear and owned and operated the business in Lake Charles, as well as the original business in Lafayette, for over forty years; at the time of his passing, he was co-owner and operator of Alterations Plus in Lake Charles; and

WHEREAS, he was very active in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, David Trahan was instrumental in organizing a group to charter a new local bank which led to the creation of Lakeside Bank which was the only new bank approved in the United States for several years; when the bank opened in July of 2010, the *New York Times* carried the story on its front page; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Lakeside Bank board of directors from its inception, and previous to that, served as a director for Cameron State Bank; and

WHEREAS, in addition, David Trahan was active in Mardi Gras in southwest Louisiana; in 1979, he organized the Krewe of Barataria, serving as its Captain for many years, and was also recognized as its King; and he also became a member of the Krewe of Contraband; and

WHEREAS, David Trahan was also an avid golfer and longtime member of the Lake Charles Country Club; he won the club championship and once tied the course record with

a 63; he and his wife, Alexis, also won the couples golf championship at the club numerous times over the years; and he also served on the club's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, at one time, David Trahan organized an exchange program in which junior golfers from Lake Charles and Scotland would alternate traveling to each other's homes every summer; and

WHEREAS, he also loved to travel and fly-fish; and

WHEREAS, most of all, David Trahan was a devoted family man who relished spending time with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Jean Trahan, and three brothers: John Richard "Speedy" Trahan, Michael Henry Trahan, and Charles Gabriel Trahan; and

WHEREAS, those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Alexis Cotten Trahan; daughter, Dawn Alexis Trahan Alexander, and husband Trey; son, Brian David Trahan, and wife Christine; grandchildren, Mary Morgan Alexander, William Rives Alexander, and Harris Mills Trahan; sisters, Mary Louise Trahan and husband Rod, and Julie Trahan Lee; and mother, Ethelyn Trumps Trahan; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like David Anthony Trahan who use their considerable talents and resources to benefit future generations, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of David Anthony Trahan, does hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements, and does hereby recognize the enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this fine gentleman brought to the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Alexis Cotten Trahan.

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE