

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR CROWE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of George Ernest Reine III.

WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow and sadness and a sense of profound loss that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and the citizens of Louisiana extend sincere condolences upon learning of the death of George Ernest Reine III, age sixty-four; and

WHEREAS, George Ernest Reine III was born to George E. Reine Jr., and Bertha Miller Reine, was a native of Mandeville, and a lifelong resident of Slidell, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, George Ernest Reine III was a dedicated citizen of Louisiana, who worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, political, and religious causes throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary man clearly demonstrated during his life his dedication to his family, job, community, state, and his country; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments in public and private life reflected his bravery, heroism, compassion, and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, he was the owner and operator of Summit Contractors, Inc., of Slidell, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, George E. Reine III was a second-generation contractor having over forty years of expertise in construction and land development, constructing over four thousand residential homes, local neighborhoods, and commercial buildings and personally donating the entire grounds on which Clearwood Junior High School was built; and

WHEREAS, through his diligent work he served his community, as a former board member and past president of the Slidell Chamber of Commerce, past chairman of the United Way, past chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Fund Raising Campaign, and past school board member of Pope John Paul High School; and

WHEREAS, George Ernest Reine III served on two local bank boards and helped charter the St. Tammany Home Builders Association (STHBA) which now has over one thousand members, he was the first Senior Life National Director with the National

Association of Homebuilders from the STHBA who was awarded after twenty-five years of service, he was a past board member of the New Orleans Home Builders Association, member of the sales and marketing council of the National Home Builders Association (NHBA), past chairman of the STHBA Parade of Homes, a member of the Land Development Council of the NHBA, and he created and organized the first Trade Fair for the Chamber of Commerce in 1978; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of St. Tammany Parish, his community involvements included major support for the St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, American Diabetic Association, American Heart Association, Safe Harbor Program for Battered Women, and Easter Seals; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, he was chosen King Samaritan XXXIV for the Slidell Women's Civic Club for his commitment and involvement in the community, and in 1981, he and his wife, Diane, were chosen King and Queen XI of the Krewe of Perseus; and

WHEREAS, George Ernest Reine III was a loving and devoted and beloved husband of Diane Parker Reine for forty-three years, and a committed and cherished son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and cousin whose love of family was of utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, upon his death the world lost a unique individual who left an indelible mark upon his community and the lives of all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure on dedicated men like George Ernest Reine III.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of George Ernest Reine III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of George Ernest Reine III.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE