

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATOR JOHNS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of William "Bill" L. Henning Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of William "Bill" L. Henning Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 Louisiana Senate have learned of the passing of William "Bill" L. Henning Sr. on March 24,  
6 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, William "Bill" L. Henning Sr. was born in Sulphur on July 25, 1922,  
8 to Thomas William Henning and Evelyn Mary Henning; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Sulphur High School in 1940 and attended McNeese  
10 College for two years; and

11 WHEREAS, as a soldier during World War II, Mr. Henning entered the United States  
12 Army Air Corp in 1942, served in Europe, and was discharged in 1946; and

13 WHEREAS, he attended law school at Louisiana State University and graduated in  
14 1949 with a Juris Doctorate degree; and

15 WHEREAS, while in law school, he was a member of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta  
16 Phi, and served on the Moot Court Advisory Board; and

17 WHEREAS, he returned to Sulphur to begin his legal career and practiced law for  
18 more than fifteen years; and

1           WHEREAS, when his father passed away in 1952, Mr. Henning and his brother took  
2 over the operation of Cameron Telephone Company; and

3           WHEREAS, under their leadership, Cameron Telephone Company developed into  
4 a large and very successful telecommunications group that included personal  
5 communications systems, cellular, wireless communications, Internet, cable television, and  
6 other telecommunications services that provided the latest and most modern technology  
7 available to its customers; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Henning served as the Chief Executive Officer of Cameron  
9 Communications until it was sold in 2010; and

10          WHEREAS, he was also an officer and director in several related  
11 telecommunications companies, including Cameron Telephone Company, Cameron  
12 Telephone Company-Texas, Elizabeth Telephone Company, and LBH, L.L.C.; and

13          WHEREAS, Mr. Henning served as a former officer and director of Mercury Long  
14 Distance Company, Mercury Cellular Telephone Company, and US Unwired; and

15          WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Henning was developing a multi-state  
16 wireless broadband Internet company; and

17          WHEREAS, he was a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, a member and  
18 former president of the Louisiana Telephone Association, former director of the United  
19 States Telephone Association, former director of the National Rural Telecom Association,  
20 former director of Calcasieu Marine National Bank; and

21          WHEREAS, he was a charter member and former president of the Calcasieu Parish  
22 Industrial Board, a charter member and former vice president of the Chennault Industrial  
23 Airport Authority, and a member and former officer of the West Calcasieu Port, Harbor and  
24 Terminal District; and

25          WHEREAS, Mr. Henning was affiliated with numerous business, fraternal, civic, and  
26 charitable organizations; and

27          WHEREAS, he was an active member of Henning United Methodist Church, a  
28 church named in honor of his grandfather, was a former chairman of the official board and  
29 a former president of the Board of Trustees, served as a Sunday school teacher, and was a  
30 member of the Centenary Church Council; and

1           WHEREAS, he also served on the Committee on Interjurisdictional Relations and  
2 was twice a delegate to the Louisiana United Methodist Conference; and

3           WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Henning enjoyed helping people in need,  
4 playing tennis, walking, traveling, and photography; and

5           WHEREAS, he loved his family and enjoyed visiting with his grandchildren and  
6 telling them stories; and

7           WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Lena Argin Baber, whom he was  
8 married to for sixty-two years; three sons, William "Dub" L. Henning Jr. and his wife,  
9 Susan; John A. Henning Sr. and his wife, Ginny; and Thomas G. Henning and his wife,  
10 Shirley; and eleven grandchildren; and

11           WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. Henning, Louisiana lost one of its finest citizens  
12 and a true gentleman who left an indelible mark on the lives of those he touched; and

13           WHEREAS, although his passing left a tremendous void in his community and state,  
14 his memory shall live on in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
16 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of William "Bill"  
17 L. Henning Sr., and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his incomparable legacy  
18 which is marked by the deep pride and honor that he brought to his family, friends,  
19 community, state, and nation.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
21 family of William "Bill" L. Henning Sr.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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