

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORENO, HILFERTY, AND LEGER AND SENATORS APPEL, MORRELL, AND PETERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the members of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Nancy Meyers Marsiglia of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature were saddened beyond measure upon receiving word that Nancy Meyers Marsiglia, a lifelong volunteer, community activist, civic leader, and a tireless advocate for issues relating to women, children, and families, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at the age of sixty-four; and

WHEREAS, born to Samuel Sidney Meyers and Selma Cohn Meyers in Richmond, Virginia, Nancy Meyers arrived in New Orleans in 1971 to attend Tulane University; she graduated from Newcomb College and married the love of her life, Michael Marsiglia, a local businessman and contractor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marsiglia was a philanthropist who freely gave to and supported many causes; she was the force behind private fundraising for the opening of Woldenberg Park and the Aquarium of the Americas in the late 1980s; she served as board chairwoman of the Audubon group; and

WHEREAS, Nancy wore many hats during her time in New Orleans: she was a behind-the-scenes political guru, a fundraising dynamo for the Democratic Party, and a marketing and strategic advisor; Nancy Marsiglia was employed by former U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative John Breaux as his chief fundraiser from 1990-1998, was state finance chair for Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, and served as treasurer for Mary Landrieu during her three terms in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, as an advocate for the Greater New Orleans Foundation, Nancy Marsiglia worked on the Executive Committee of Women of the Storm and was instrumental in obtaining local and national financing to help rebuild the city's early childhood centers after Hurricane Katrina; she was chairwoman of the boards of Agenda for Children, the

Audubon Nature Institute, and was the founding board chairwoman of The Louisiana Policy Institute for Children and the Bronfin Policy Institute; she also served on the boards of the Jewish Children's Regional Services, New Orleans Council for Young Children, the Louisiana Children's Museum, the LSU Health Sciences Center Advisory Board, Dress for Success New Orleans, the Metropolitan Area Committee, the Tulane University Health Sciences Center, Steps to Success, the Metairie Park Country Day School, and the Women's Leadership Initiative of the United Way; and

WHEREAS, the undaunted labors of Nancy Marsiglia brought her many accolades: she received the National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah Solomon Award in 2010; she was named a Role Model for the Young Leadership Council and the YWCA, and was a recipient of the Libby Milton Champion for Children Award from Kingsley House; Ms. Marsiglia was named fundraiser of the year by the National Association of Fundraising Executives; and

WHEREAS, the many contributions Nancy Marsiglia made to the greater New Orleans area reflect a full and prosperous life; her passing has left an unspeakable void in the lives of her husband, Michael; her sons, Michael, and his wife Jennifer, and Joseph; her sister, Katherine Meyers Cohen; and her beautiful and beloved grandsons, Will, Max, and Sam Marsiglia, but memories of good times shared with Nancy Meyers Marsiglia will forever remain in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Nancy Meyers Marsiglia upon her passing; does hereby record for posterity the outstanding contributions she made to the betterment of the city of New Orleans; and does hereby offer best hopes for peace and comfort to those who mourn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Nancy Marsiglia.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE