

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMILEY, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, TUCKER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative
Emery Lewis Villar.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana Legislature have learned of the death of former state representative Emery Lewis Villar on Saturday, April 23, 2011, at the age of ninety; and

WHEREAS, native of Brignac and a resident of Gonzales, Mr. Villar was a widely respected and admired citizen of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, upon his election to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1960, where he served until 1976, Mr. Villar used every opportunity as an able and productive legislator to serve his fellow citizens in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, as a state representative, Mr. Villar steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of the people of Louisiana and served diligently as a member of several committees, including the House Committee on Commerce, on which he served as vice chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Villar retired with thirty-five years of service from Exxon Baton Rouge and served as a former member of the Ascension Parish School Board, director of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, on the board of directors of the Bank of

Gonzales, vice president of Louisiana National Security Bank, a member of the board of review with the state Department of Labor, and a member of Ascension Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Villar is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Winnie Gautreau Villar; his daughters, Dianne Villar Herin and Dolores Villar; his son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Connie Marchand Villar; his grandchildren, Michael Herin, Derek Smith, Dwayne Smith, Russell Villar, and Michelle Fortenberry; his great-grandchildren, Jonathan Herin, Rebecca Herin, Stephen Herin, Jennifer Smith, Luke Smith, Joshua Smith, Matthew Smith, Danielle Smith, Paul Fortenberry, and Eva Fortenberry; his sister, Lois Alexander; and his brothers, John Villar, Jr., and Elmo Villar; he was preceded in death by his parents, Josephine Blackwell and John Daniel Villar, Sr.; his brothers, Victor Villar and Kernice Villar; and his sister, Hermenie White; and

WHEREAS, the death of Mr. Villar has left a great void and created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the House family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and this institution so well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Villar leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and his dedication to his fellow citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative Emery Lewis Villar, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions during his sixteen-year tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family, his community, and his state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Emery Lewis Villar.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE