

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER, BARROW, BERTHELOT, EDWARDS, FOIL, GREENE, HAVARD, HODGES, HONORE, JAMES, LAMBERT, MACK, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, RICHARDSON, SCHEXNAYDER, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THIBAUT, AND ALFRED WILLIAMS AND SENATORS AMEDEE, BROOME, BROWN, CLAITOR, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GALLOT, RISER, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of John W. Barton, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is with profound regret and sorrow that the members of the legislature have learned of the death of John W. Barton, Sr., on March 3, 2012, at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, John W. Barton, Sr., was born on New Year's Day in Napoleonville in 1917 and graduated from Port Allen High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Louisiana State University in 1939 before going on to own and operate Barton Investments and Barton Farms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton helped found the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and served for decades as board chairman, helping local philanthropists connect with nonprofit organizations and invest in community projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton served the people of Baton Rouge and Louisiana in his capacity as founder and board member of the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation, board member of the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, and director of the fundraising committee for the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton's ability to envision a project of social change and enact it by founding major nonprofit organizations tasked with realizing his vision has led some to name him the "father of modern Baton Rouge"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton's contributions to the people of Baton Rouge and Louisiana have earned him many accolades, most notably the Golden Deeds Award and induction into both the Business Report Hall of Fame and the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a visionary, philanthropist, and civic leader, Mr. Barton was an avid outdoorsman; he helped found the National Wild Turkey Federation in 1973 and won the National Wildlife Federation's C.B. McLeon Distinguished Service Award in 1992; and

WHEREAS, John W. Barton, Sr., was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Scott Duchein Barton; his sister, Edith Barton Matthies; and his grandson, Joseph Thomas "Jody" Howell IV; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton is survived by his children, Mary Scott Barton, Annette Duchein Barton and friend Malcolm L. Tucker, and John Walton Barton Jr., and wife Margaret Perez Barton; he is also survived by his brother, Harry V. Barton; grandchildren, Frances Annette Hutchison, Catherine Barton Van Arnem and husband H.L. Van Arnem, Natalie Barton Perkin and husband Nicolas Perkin, and John Walton Barton III and wife Kathryn Taylor Barton; great-grandchildren, Amelie Scott Perkin and Palmer Agnes Perkin; and other loving family members, including Carlos K. Hurst; and

WHEREAS, with the death of John W. Barton, Sr., Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons, a philanthropist whose legacy shall live forever in the tremendous impact of his nonprofit organizations and in the hearts and minds of the many citizens whose lives he touched with his remarkable vision and kindness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere sorrow and heartfelt condolences upon the death of John W. Barton, Sr., and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor he will forever bring to the city of Baton Rouge, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of John W. Barton, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE