

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVES MORENO, ADAMS, BILLIOT, CONNICK, GISCLAIR,  
HENRY, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT,  
WILLMOTT, AND WOODRUFF

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the members of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death  
of R. Keith Gee of Metairie.

WHEREAS, the members of the legislature were saddened to learn of the passing of  
R. Keith Gee, Esquire, a lifelong Metairie resident, on April 4, 2015, at the age of fifty-six;  
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gee graduated from Jesuit High School in 1976 and enrolled at  
Tulane University; he graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in civil  
engineering in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gee pursued a law degree at Tulane University School of Law; he  
graduated in 1983, and after graduation, Mr. Gee accepted a position at Texaco in the legal  
department; and

WHEREAS, following a distinguished career at Texaco, Mr. Gee served as assistant  
to a Jefferson Parish councilman before assuming the mantle of executive director at the  
Horsemen's Benevolent & Protection Association; throughout his working career, Mr. Gee  
cared for his mother; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gee was one of Louisiana's biggest advocates for horse racing and  
its many workers; horse racing always held a place near and dear to his heart, and he worked  
tirelessly to improve conditions at the Fair Grounds; as a result of his extraordinary efforts,  
more than one million dollars was invested in improvements to the Fair Grounds; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong season ticket holder for the New Orleans Saints and the New  
Orleans Pelicans, Mr. Gee's love of sports led him to coach and mentor generations of young  
athletes through the Jefferson Parish Recreation Department; he enjoyed playing basketball;

he rarely missed major sporting events and attended World Series games, NCAA Final Four games, the Kentucky Derby, and Super Bowls; he cherished the Saints' 2009 Super Bowl win; and

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence of R. Keith Gee continues in the designation of the Jesuit High School math department as the Keith Gee '76 Mathematics Department in his honor; and

WHEREAS, fond recollections of happy times will forever remain in the hearts and minds of those who loved R. Keith Gee: his mother, Lillie Hom Gee; sister, Cynthia "Cindy" G. Yee, D.D.S. (Darryl); nephew and godson, Tommy Yee; and family and friends; and

WHEREAS, life may be measured by moments in time, and R. Keith Gee spent his moments on Earth fully and to the best of his ability; he said he had checked off his bucket list many times over, with no regrets; his passion for life left memories that will live on through those who loved him most.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincere condolences to the family of R. Keith Gee; does hereby express heartfelt sympathies to those who mourn his loss; and does hereby offer prayers for comfort and solace to all who will miss his presence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of R. Keith Gee.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE