

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as Mike Penn Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Michael Johnston Penn passed away on Monday, November 5, 2012, at his home in Shreveport following a valiant battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penn, who was born on June 17, 1957, in Monroe, graduated from River Oaks School of Monroe and from the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a bachelor of science degree in building construction with cum laude honors; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Penn worked as project manager for several notable projects, including the largest commercial project in the city of Shreveport, the renovation of Christus Schumpert Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, because of his reputation for integrity and high-quality standards, the American Association of Subcontractors of Northwest Louisiana honored him as Project Manager of the Year for three years; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Penn founded Penn Homes, focusing on homebuilding, remodeling, and residential development, and was thereafter selected as Small Business Person of the Year by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce in 1996; and

WHEREAS, through his work in the construction industry, Mr. Penn was honored as the Home Builders Association of Northwest Louisiana Builder of the Year in 2006 and subsequently as Member of the Year in 2011, served as President in 2006, and served on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penn was serving as second vice president of the Louisiana Home Builders Association (LHBA) and was slated to become president in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the LHBA recognized Mr. Penn for his unparalleled contributions to the construction industry in 2011 by naming him Builder of the Year; and

WHEREAS, on the national level, Mr. Penn served as a national director for the National Association of Home Builders and was involved in Builder 20 Group, the Survivors; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bobby Jindal appointed Mr. Penn to the Residential Building Committee of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penn was an advocate for education and a devoted community servant involved in many civic organizations and causes, giving of himself tirelessly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penn is survived by his wife, Jodi Collette Penn; his son Justin Michael Penn and wife Heather; his daughters, Taylor Anne McCutcheon and Sarah Bracy Penn, who cherish his memory and are testaments to his gentle nature and giving spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Penn's guidance, dedication, and willingness to share his knowledge with others served to elevate the building profession to a high level and allowed everyone with whom he came in contact to benefit; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, the state of Louisiana will memorialize Mike Penn, a man whose death has left a tremendous void in his community, but whose memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were blessed to know and love him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Michael Johnston Penn, does hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements, does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this fine citizen will forever bring to the state of Louisiana, and does hereby recognize and distinguish Tuesday, May 7, 2013, as Mike Penn Day in honor of one of Louisiana's finest sons, a deeply beloved individual who was known for his extraordinarily kind and generous spirit.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE