

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Henry Joseph "Junior" Rodriguez, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana Legislature have learned of the death of Henry Joseph "Junior" Rodriguez, Jr., on May 3, 2018, at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez was born on September 27, 1935, to Henry Joseph Rodriguez, Sr., and Myrtle Nunez; a lifelong resident of Verret, he graduated from Holy Cross School and went on to study at Loyola University in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his dedication and distinguished service to the citizens of St. Bernard Parish; he spent thirty-three years in local politics as a police juror, a parish councilman, and parish president; Mr. Rodriguez had one of the longest consecutive tenures in office of any elected official in St. Bernard's history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodriguez was a founder of the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society, was vigorously involved in the development of the Los Islenos Museum Complex, and was an active supporter of the St. Bernard Historical Society; he was also an advocate for wetlands stabilization and restoration in St. Bernard Parish and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, "Junior" was a joyful and generous friend, always present to offer a helping hand to those in need; he was eclectic in his talents and interests: his career included work in carpentry, construction, heavy equipment operation, commercial fishing, and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Henry Joseph "Junior" Rodriguez, Jr., is survived by his loving wife of fifty-one years, Jessie Evelyn Phillips Rodriguez; his children, Henry Joseph Rodriguez, III, Jeff McClain, Shawn Rodriguez Barbay, Kimberly McClain Kramer, and Rhonda Rodriguez Hannan; his grandchildren, Brandon Lee Steward, Henry Joseph Rodriguez, IV, Joseph

Henry Rodriguez, David Jeffery McClain, Jr., Amanda Lynn McClain, Michaela Jessalyn Kramer, Amy McClain Butler, Gavin Matthew Goldsby, and Glenn Thomas Kramer, Jr.; his great-grandchildren, Hayden Arielle Steward-Clark, Jace Lee Steward, and Mason Blaine Martinez; his sister, Judy Rodriguez Borne; his dear friend, Gregory "Buffy" James; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime St. Bernard Parish police juror, parish councilman, and parish president, "Junior" fully used every opportunity to serve his constituency, advocating for many important issues, including coastal erosion, public property maintenance, wetland area replenishment, commercial fishing rights, and cultural legacy preservation; "Junior" was larger than life, a great friend, and a worthy adversary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Henry Joseph "Junior" Rodriguez, Jr.; does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions to St. Bernard Parish; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family and friends, his community, St. Bernard Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Henry Joseph "Junior" Rodriguez, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE