

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS AND THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To express condolences on the death, on Friday, June 5, 2020, of Julian Venoy Kinnaird.

WHEREAS, Julian Venoy Kinnaird was a life-long farmer and one of Louisiana's largest sweet potato producers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnaird was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served in the Vietnam War; his service instilled in him a great love of his country, and he was a fervent supporter of veteran causes; he was instrumental in the creation of the Morehouse Parish Veterans Memorial, which recognizes all veterans of the parish who lost their lives in defense of their country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnaird was a civil and community servant throughout his life; he served on the board of commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, the Bastrop Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board, and the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnaird was known for his renowned purple hull pea soup, which drew hungry crowds and allowed him to connect with governors, generals, and state lawmakers; he even took his famous dish to Washington, D.C., with former congressman John Cooksey and fed members of the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinnaird is survived by his wife of fifty years, Pauline Kinnaird; daughters, Jeana Kinnaird Jankowski, and her husband Chuck, Julie Kinnaird McCall, and her husband Chris, Jennifer Kinnaird Stephenson, and her husband Kenneth; sisters, Reatagae Kinnaird Wooden, Becky Kinnaird Johnson, and her husband Earnest, and Cindy Kinnaird Shockey; and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Julian Venoy Kinnaird was an admired public servant, respected veteran, a titan of Louisiana agriculture, and an integral member of Louisiana's legendary political community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Julian Venoy Kinnaird; does hereby recognize his community leadership, gregarious spirit, and service to the state of Louisiana; does hereby express appreciation for his generosity and his cooking skills; and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes that his family and friends find comfort during this somber time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Julian Venoy Kinnaird.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES