

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 154

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Jim Harris.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the death of Jim Harris; and

WHEREAS, Jim dedicated more than four decades of service working in all facets of governmental and public affairs as founder and president of Harris, DeVille, and Associates, Inc.; he possessed the ability to quickly assess an issue, determine its critical components, and recommend an appropriate solution; and

WHEREAS, Jim specialized in strategic communications planning, organization, and response, and he developed and implemented many communications, management and public relations programs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his consulting work, Jim lobbied the legislature and other branches of Louisiana government regularly on behalf of his clients for more than thirty years; throughout his career, he developed and managed numerous multi-industry coalitions in the legislative and public policy sectors; and

WHEREAS, prior to establishing Harris, DeVille, and Associates, Inc., Jim served as a working member of the media, as press secretary for Governor Edwin Edwards, and he worked in economic development for Governor David Treen; he also held key management positions in several state agencies dealing with the management of transportation, health, economic development, and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, Jim was admired around the state capitol for his genial manner and his civil respect for everyone he worked with; he served not only his clients, but the state of Louisiana and democratic governance in an exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, Jim Harris leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Linda, and his two children; he will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service to Louisiana shall never be forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Jim Harris; does hereby recognize his incredible dedication to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES