

1 WHEREAS, Aaron Dale Burkeen of Philadelphia, Mississippi, was born on April
2 24, 1972, was a loving husband, a committed father of two, the brother of two sisters, and
3 the son of proud parents; he attended Neshoba Central High School and East Central
4 Community College, was a crane operator who worked for Transocean for ten years, and
5 was an avid deer hunter and fisherman; his survivors include his wife, Rhonda Burkeen, his
6 parents, Mary Bryan Burkeen and Roger Burkeen, his daughter, Aryn Sydney Burkeen, his
7 son, Timothy Dale Burkeen, his sisters, and his nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Donald Clark of Newellton, Louisiana, was a soybean farmer like his
10 father before going to work on the Deepwater Horizon rig; he was a dedicated worker, a
11 family man, a fisherman, and a Christian who devoted his life to his beloved wife, Sheila,
12 and four children; and he was known throughout his community for his good heart, his
13 calmness, his smile, and for always being willing to lend a helping hand; and

14 WHEREAS, Stephen Curtis was a 1987 graduate of Georgetown High School in
15 Grant Parish, Louisiana, and is survived by his wife, Nancy, his son and daughter, his
16 granddaughter, and his parents, Howard and Betty Sharp Curtis; active in his church, he was
17 a Christian who taught a Bible class with his wife, and he participated in a Bible study on
18 the rig; and he was a proud Marine and a volunteer firefighter and had been in the oil
19 business for seventeen years; and

20 WHEREAS, Gordon Jones of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was born on June 26, 1981,
21 and was a loving husband, father, son, and brother; he was a graduate of St. Aloysius
22 Catholic School, Catholic High School, and Louisiana State University; he was a friend to
23 all, enjoyed spending time with his family, was an excellent golfer and joke teller, and loved
24 to laugh; he is survived by his wife, Michelle Mummert Jones, his sons, Stafford Hess Jones
25 and Maxwell Gordon Jones, who were born the month after his father died, his mother,
26 Eilleen Kean Jones, his father, Keith Dunn Jones, his brother, his sister, his grandparents,
27 and numerous other relatives, nieces, nephews, and friends; and

28 WHEREAS, Roy Wyatt Kemp was born on January 21, 1983, in Ferriday, Louisiana,
29 to Peggy Kemp and the late Sandy Lee Kemp, was a resident of Jonesville, Louisiana, and
30 was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Jonesville; he was a devoted husband,

1 father, son, and grandson, but most of all he was a man who loved the Lord; an avid
2 fisherman and hunter who served in the Army for a time, he had a unique sense of humor
3 and loved the outdoors and spending time with his family, friends, hunting dog Ellie, and
4 fellow crewmen of the Deepwater Horizon; and he is survived by his wife and best friend,
5 Courtney Carpenter Kemp, his children, Kaylee Joyce Kemp and Clara Maddison Kemp, his
6 mother, Peggy Kemp, his brother and sisters and their spouses, his grandparents and great-
7 grandmother, his in-laws, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Karl Kleppinger, Jr., was born on August 21, 1971, in Baton Rouge,
10 Louisiana, was a beloved husband and father, and was a United States Army veteran of
11 Operation Desert Storm; he was a family man who enjoyed watching NASCAR and cooking
12 barbeque, was employed by Transocean for ten years, and considered his crewmates on the
13 Deepwater Horizon his second family; and his survivors include his wife, Tracy Kleppinger,
14 his son, Aaron Kleppinger, his parents, Karl Dale Kleppinger, Sr., and Jo Ann Kleppinger,
15 two sisters, two brothers, his grandmother, Barbara Thornhill, his in-laws, and a number of
16 aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews; and

17 WHEREAS, Blair Manuel was a native of Eunice, Louisiana, and a resident of St.
18 Amant, Louisiana, attended St. Edmund's Elementary School and Eunice High School, and
19 was very active in his community, serving as a member of the St. Anthony of Padua Parish
20 Council and as president of the Eunice Jaycees; he loved spending time with his fiancée,
21 family, and friends, hunting and fishing, white water rafting, traveling, gardening, and
22 attending LSU football and baseball games as an avid fan and season ticket holder; he had
23 a winning smile and a compassionate heart and is survived by his parents, L.D. and Geneva
24 Manuel, his beloved fiancée, Melinda Becnel, three daughters, Kelli Manuel Taquino,
25 Jessica Manuel Manchester, and Ashley Jo Manuel, his sister, and his brothers; and

26 WHEREAS, Dewey Revette was born on May 27, 1961, to Arthur Dewey Revette,
27 Jr., and Katherine Revette and was a native of Waynesboro, Mississippi, and a resident of
28 State Line, Mississippi; he had been with the Transocean drilling company for twenty-nine
29 years and was a highly skilled driller; a widely respected and admired gentleman, he is

1 survived by his wife, Sheryl "Sherri" Revette, his mother, two daughters, Andrea Cochran
2 and Alicia Revette, his brother, Kenneth Revette, and his sister, Ann Byrd; and

3 WHEREAS, Shane Michael Roshto was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and his
4 family moved to Liberty, Mississippi, in 1999; he was a great husband and father who never
5 met a stranger, enjoyed the outdoors, and was an inspiration to his friends and family; he
6 loved his job, was ambitious, and had a strong work ethic and wrote the dates of his wedding
7 day and his son's birthday inside his hard hat; and he is survived by his wife, Natalie, his
8 three-year-old son, Blaine Michael, his mother, Denise, his stepfather, Bobby Arnold, his
9 father and stepmother, Ronnie and Debbie Roshto, his sister and brother, his nieces and
10 nephews, his grandparents, his in-laws, and numerous co-workers and friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Adam Weise of Yorktown, Texas, was born in Cuero on January 19,
12 1986, and was a 2005 graduate of Yorktown High School, where he played football, received
13 Second Team All-District honors, and was named one of the Wildcats' outstanding linemen;
14 an avid hunter and fisherman who was honest, hardworking, joyful, good with children, and
15 a great friend, he is survived by his grandmother, Nelda Winslette, his mother, Arleen
16 Weise, his brother, Christopher Weise, his sisters, Gwen Weise and Sara Weise, his
17 girlfriend, Cindy Shelton, and his nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and

18 WHEREAS, mere words cannot begin to express the depths of the tremendous void
19 that the deaths of these men have left in the lives of their families and friends, and their
20 passings have created a genuine sense of grief and loss in the hearts of their fellow citizens;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, with the deaths of these individuals, their families, friends, and fellow
23 citizens have lost men whose contributions have left an indelible mark on every person
24 whose life they touched; and

25 WHEREAS, these gentlemen deserve honor, recognition, gratitude, and respect for
26 the joy that they brought to their family, friends, communities, states, and nation.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the deaths of Jason
29 Anderson, Aaron Dale Burkeen, Donald Clark, Stephen Curtis, Roy Wyatt Kemp, Karl
30 Kleppinger, Jr., Gordon Jones, Blair Manuel, Dewey Revette, Shane Roshto, and Adam

1 Weise, who lost their lives in the Deepwater Horizon explosion on April 20, 2010, does
2 hereby extend heartfelt sympathies to their families as they mourn the tragic loss of their
3 loved ones, and does hereby recognize that the memories of these extraordinary men shall
4 live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved them.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 families of Jason Anderson, Aaron Dale Burkeen, Donald Clark, Stephen Curtis, Roy Wyatt
7 Kemp, Karl Kleppinger, Jr., Gordon Jones, Blair Manuel, Dewey Revette, Shane Roshto,
8 and Adam Weise.

DIGEST

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Expresses condolences upon the deaths of the 11 men who lost their lives in the Deepwater Horizon explosion on April 20, 2010.