

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the members of the House of Representatives upon the death
of Don A. "Big D" Coppola, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the House of Representatives has learned of the death of Don A. "Big D" Coppola, Sr. on May 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the life of Don A. "Big D" Coppola, Sr., a veteran of more than forty years in the telecommunications industry who worked his way up the corporate ladder in the American tradition of hard work and determination; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coppola began his career at Executone of Central, Louisiana, as a technician helper and advanced through all departments in the company; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Mr. Coppola purchased Executone of Central, Louisiana, and became its owner and president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coppola was a former president of the Baton Rouge Electrical League, a member of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, Associate General Contractors, and Construction Specifications Institute, and a charter board member and treasurer of Ideacom LLC, an equipment and service company which supports a network of eighty-five telecommunications dealers throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the philosophy that drove the success of Mr. Coppola's business is best encapsulated in his constant reminder to his employees that "if we do not take care of the customer, someone else will"; and

WHEREAS, the "joie de vivre" for which Mr. Coppola will be fondly remembered by his friends was expressed in many ways, including the period of his reign as King Orion VI of the Baton Rouge Mardi Gras Krewe; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Coppola leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Patricia; sons, Don
2 Coppola, Jr., and wife Amy, and Chad Coppola and wife Crystal; twelve grandchildren; four
3 stepdaughters, Danielle Sule and husband Chris, Melinda Powers and husband Kirk,
4 Stephanie Salman, and Andrea Hebert; brother Roland Coppola, Jr., and wife Barbara, and
5 sister Sheryl Blaylock and husband Paul; and

6 WHEREAS, the departure of Don A. "Big D" Coppola, Sr. will leave a void in the
7 hearts and minds of his family and friends, employees, and the community of Central, but
8 the memories of the work ethic of this self-made man will provide the spark of inspiration
9 for future chapters of Louisiana success stories.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives
11 of the Legislature of Louisiana do hereby express their most sincere and heartfelt
12 condolences upon the death of Don A. "Big D" Coppola, Sr., and do hereby extend their
13 sympathies and prayers to his family and friends on behalf of the citizens of the state of
14 Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
16 to the family of Don A. "Big D" Coppola, Sr.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES