

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 217

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Pastor Robert "Bob" Galloway.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the death, on June 6, 2021, of Pastor Robert "Bob" Galloway; and

WHEREAS, Robert Galloway was born on November 21, 1934; he was known by his immediate family as "Robert Earl" and by his church family and community as "Brother Bob"; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a graduate of Covington High School; he attended Clarke Memorial College and received a bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University; he earned a master's degree from Northwestern State University and served as an adjunct professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Bob served in the National Guard; he also taught high school social studies; and

WHEREAS, Bob served as a disc jockey for WARB radio in Covington, Louisiana, where he was able to share his impressive singing ability; his talent earned him an opportunity to appear at the Grand Ole Opry and on WSM radio station; and meet several high-profile American musicians including Johnny Cash, Little Jimmie Dickins, Ray Charles, Minnie Pearl, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Galloway loved God, his family, and his church community; his passion for religious ministry motivated him to serve for sixty-one years as a church pastor; he ministered to countless individuals and was a friend to all he met; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his more than six-decades of ministry, Pastor Galloway served five churches; after retiring, he served as a jail, hospice, and funeral home

chaplain and provided pulpit ministry to numerous churches throughout the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a church pastor, Bob sought to educate churches on the nuances of filing insurance claims; in 1973, he started Galloway Insurance Agency which was dedicated to insuring churches; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his impressive professional exploits, Pastor Galloway was an avid gardener; he also cherished vacationing with family and visiting those who were bedridden at home or in a hospital; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Galloway leaves to cherish his memory his wife of sixty-four years, Essie Galloway; his children, David Galloway, and his wife Tracy, Randy Galloway, and Melanie Daspit, and her husband Ben; his sister, Mary Katherine Gonzales, and her husband Dr. Miguel Gonzales; five granddaughters; eleven great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Robert "Bob" Galloway was a truly loving individual who placed others before himself and possessed a genuine devotion to his faith in God; he will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Pastor Robert "Bob" Galloway; does hereby recognize Pastor Galloway's six decades of dedicated ministerial service to his faith community; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that his family and friends find comfort during this difficult time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Pastor Robert "Bob" Galloway.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES