

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles Helm Masters, Jr.,
of Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Charles Helm Masters, Jr., of Baton Rouge on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the age of eighty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masters was born in Marksville on December 23, 1931, and attended Marksville High School, graduating in 1950; and

WHEREAS, from 1950 until 1954, Mr. Masters attended the University of Notre Dame, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in economics; he became a loyal and consistent benefactor to Notre Dame throughout his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masters returned to Avoyelles Parish after college and joined his father, Charles Helm Masters, Sr., in business, operating and owning Ideal Chevrolet and various other enterprises for thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masters was a community leader throughout his lifetime, from his early days as an Eagle Scout and his gubernatorial appointments to various state commissions to serving as chief executive officer of Union Bank of Marksville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masters was a member of various civic organizations, including the Kisatchie National Park for Preservation, the Association of Special Needs Children in Avoyelles Parish, of which he served as president, the Marksville Beautification Project, the Marksville Chamber of Commerce, and the Young Presidents Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masters was preceded in death by his father, Charles Helm Masters, Sr., and his mother, Marie Agnes Moreau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Masters is survived by his wife, Gwen L. Masters; his children, Coral Marie Masters, her two children, and five grandchildren; Donna Lea Childress and spouse, Lamar; John David Masters and spouse, Janet, his child, and one grandchild; Claudette "Detty" Masters; Michele Ann LaCombe and spouse, Jody, and their three children; and Mary "Aggie" Littleton and spouse, Ronnie, and their two children; and his step-daughters, Monica Joubert and spouse, Jacques, and their two children; Veronica Soileau and spouse, Jody; and Angie Myers and spouse, Brandon; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. Masters, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, a gentleman of many gifts and talents who has left an indelible mark on the lives of those he touched; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Charles Helm Masters, Jr., has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who loved him and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles Helm Masters, Jr., of Baton Rouge, does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family, friends, community, state, and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Charles Helm Masters, Jr.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES