

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former state representative Stephen Pugh.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives remembers the untimely death, on September 7, 2021, of former state representative of District 73, Stephen Pugh; and

WHEREAS, Stephen E. Pugh was born on April 1, 1961, in Hammond, Louisiana; he was the son of the late Charles and Marion Wadsworth Pugh; and

WHEREAS, Steve is remembered as a loveable and charismatic man who was, above all, unshakeably devoted to his family and his community; he lived his life in a manner that was heavily reflective of these values as he constantly looked to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Steve's first experience serving his community was as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula; this experience led him to join the Strawberry Festival board where, in 1984, he became the youngest chairman ever elected; in 2012, his devotion to the Strawberry Festival was rewarded with his being elected Strawberry Festival King; and

WHEREAS, Steve was also very active in youth-centered community programs; he was involved with several clubs and youth leagues such as Ponchatoula Youth Basketball League, Ponchatoula High School Baseball Boosters, Hibernia Club, and Krewe of Erin; one of his greatest joys was playing Santa Claus during Christmas events, at local parades, and while visiting nursing homes and special needs facilities; and

WHEREAS, perhaps Steve's boldest move to serve his community was when he successfully campaigned for the District 73 seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives, a seat he held for three full terms; and

WHEREAS, Steve's faith was incredibly important to him; he was a devoted parishioner of St. Albert Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister for over

twenty-five years; he was also the owner and operator of St. Patrick's Green Acres, Inc., and Pugh's Florist in Ponchatoula, and his keen eye for beauty in floral arrangements was known to all; and

WHEREAS, Stephen E. Pugh leaves to cherish his memory his sons, Stephen E. Pugh, II, and his wife Alexandra, and Christopher J. Pugh, and his wife Alyssa; grandchildren, Brady Pugh and Cecilia Pugh; brother, Charles "Buddy" Pugh, and his wife Carolyn; sister, Marion P. Amedee; and brother-in-law, John Yeargain; and

WHEREAS, Steve was a truly caring individual who always placed the service of others above his own needs; he will be deeply missed but his memory will live on in the community he loved so deeply.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former state representative Stephen Pugh; does hereby recognize former representative Pugh for his unrelenting dedication to his family, community, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and former colleagues find peace in his memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Stephen Pugh.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES