

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE LIGI

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Donald Joseph Grush.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Donald Joseph Grush on Friday, October 14, 2011, at the age of eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, a New Orleans native, Mr. Grush was a graduate of St. Anthony of Padua School and St. Aloysius High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush served his country as a member of the United States Coast Guard before working at Hiram Walker Distillers, where he retired as a district sales representative; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush was an active member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for years and sang "lead" in many quartets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush was a devout Catholic and parishioner of St. Philip Neri Church who for the past thirty years attended Manresa retreats, where he prayed and sang with many of his closest friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush was a great asset to his community and always volunteered his time and efforts for projects beneficial to residents of Jefferson Parish, such as when he helped Representative Tony Ligi produce an easy-to-use hurricane evacuation map for District Seventy-Nine residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush was a devoted family member who, from his youth, cared for his mother, sisters, and brothers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush was blessed with a beautiful and loving wife, Joan Klein Grush, with whom he shared fifty-nine wonderful years of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Louis G. Grush and Rosalie Spicuzza Grush, and his brother, Dr. Louis G. Grush, DDS; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grush is survived by his sisters, Rose Catherine Simoneaux and Mary Jane Key; his brother, William Grush; his daughters, Donna Grush Hannan and Faith Grush Wakefield; his son-in-law, Doug Wakefield; his grandchildren, Brett Douglas Wakefield and wife Lovey, Hope Wakefield Clary and husband Adam, Phillip Matthew Hannan, and Tyler Donald Hannan; and his great-grandson, Cooper Anthony Wakefield; and

WHEREAS, although his death has left a void in his community, Mr. Grush's memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and love him and were privileged to experience his smiles, compliments, jokes, antics, and impromptu songs.

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 Donald J. Grush and does hereby extend true appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever continue to be a source of deep pride and honor for his family, friends, colleagues, and community, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Donald J. Grush.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES