

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVES PEARSON AND CROMER

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of George Ernest Reine III of Slidell.

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 George Ernest Reine III of Slidell on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the age of sixty-four; and

WHEREAS, born in Mandeville, Louisiana, Mr. Reine was a lifelong resident of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine was a second-generation contractor with more than forty years of expertise in construction and land development, and he was the owner and operator of Summit Contractors, Inc., of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine constructed more than four thousand residential homes, local neighborhoods, and commercial buildings and personally donated the entire grounds on which Clearwood Junior High School was built; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine served his community in various capacities, including as a former board member and past president of the Slidell Chamber of Commerce; past chairman of United Way; past chairman of the Boy Scouts of America fundraising campaign; and past school board member of Pope John Paul High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine also served on two local bank boards and helped charter the St. Tammany Home Builders Association, which has more than one thousand members today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine was the first senior life national director with the National Association of Homebuilders from the St. Tammany Home Builders Association, a position he earned after twenty-five years of service; a past board member of the New Orleans Home Builders Association; a member of the Sales and Marketing Council of the National Home

Builders Association; past chairman of the St. Tammany Home Builders Association Parade of Homes; and a member of the Land Development Council of the National Home Builders Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine's community involvement included tremendous support for the St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, the Safe Harbor Program for Battered Women, and the Easter Seals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine and his wife, Diane, were chosen to serve as King and Queen XI of the Krewe of Perseus in 1981, and he was also chosen to serve as King Samaritan XXXIV for the Slidell Women's Civic Club in 1983 in recognition of his commitment and involvement in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine is survived by his loving wife of forty-three years, Diane Parker Reine; son, Scott Ernest Reine and his wife, Renee Whitmarsh Reine; mother, Bertha Miller Reine, brothers, Ronald Reine, Michael Reine, and Timothy Reine; father-in-law, Albert Parker; three grandchildren, Holly Arroyo, Dustin Arroyo, and Connor Reine; and an array of extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine was preceded in death by his father, George Ernest Reine, Jr.; brother, Glen Reine; and mother-in-law, Wanzie Parker; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. Reine, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reine, who was admired by all whose lives he touched, leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, although the death of George Ernest Reine III has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live on forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved 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 George Ernest Reine III of Slidell, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to

his family, friends, and community, the city of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of George Ernest Reine III.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES