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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROADWATER, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Curt Eysink, former journalist and Louisiana Workforce Commission director.

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Curt Eysink on April 28, 2017, at the age of fifty-three; and

WHEREAS, born in South Africa to globe-trotting parents, Curt lived in Scotland, Australia, Venezuela, and Holland before his father accepted a job in New Orleans when Curt was fifteen; in 1986, Curt Eysink earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Louisiana State University and joined *The Advocate* as a reporter; he was promoted to city editor in 2002; and

WHEREAS, colleagues at *The Advocate* recall Curt Eysink as a leader who never let go of a story when it became difficult; he is credited with spearheading the coverage of the shocking number of unsolved murders of women in Baton Rouge over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Curt Eysink met and married the love of his life, Dianne Nodier, and became part of the Nodiers, Christs, and Ieyoubs, which make up one of the largest families in Louisiana; he and Dianne taught their children to reflect their beliefs: live each day with a purpose, be kind and respectful, laugh so that others know it's okay, and cook a big pot of gumbo when it's cold outside and invite the neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the life and times of Curt Eysink were filled with happiness; wherever he went, he made friends and spun stories; he loved to regale others with the tale of his original Mini, which he claimed was so tiny that when it went into a ditch, he and a friend picked it up and put it back on the roadway; he also was known to recount the adoption from the Baton Rouge shelter of his dog, Leah; she was tiny, matted, and skittish around strangers, and Curt knew no one else would adopt her because she smelled so bad; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eysink served as a marketing executive with *Louisiana Healthcare Review* following his stint at *The Advocate*; he was recruited in 2008 as communications director at the Louisiana Workforce Commission and was appointed director of the commission in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Curt was known as an honest man who knew how to get things done; under Mr. Eysink's leadership, the Louisiana Workforce Commission gave tens of thousands of his Louisiana neighbors a chance at good jobs; he served as director of the agency until 2016; and

WHEREAS, Curt Eysink helped develop workforce policy for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System until his death; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dianne; his children, Samantha, Maxwell, and Adelaide; his parents, Ute and Billy Eysink; his brothers, Paul and Konrad; and extended relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Curt Eysink lived so that others could have better lives, and Mr. Eysink's enduring legacy is his contribution of his all to family, friends, and his beloved adopted state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Curt Eysink and does hereby offer hopes for peace and comfort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dianne Eysink.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES