

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVES CROMER AND PEARSON

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Louis "Pat" Miramon, Jr.,
of Slidell.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Louis "Pat" Miramon, Jr., on Friday, March 31, 2017, at the age of ninety-one; and

WHEREAS, the son of Ethel Martin Miramon and Louis Miramon, Sr., Louis "Pat" Miramon, Jr., was born on January 10, 1926, in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miramon grew up in Gentilly during the Great Depression, which had a lasting impact on him and helped to inspire his vision of building not just homes but safe and happy communities for families; and

WHEREAS, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Miramon joined the United States Navy and served his country with valor for two years in the South Pacific during World War II; following his exemplary military service, he returned to Louisiana and married Gloria Schindler, his beloved wife of nearly seventy years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Miramon raised four daughters, Debbie, Donna, Dolly, and Denise; the couple loved to dance, yacht, and snow ski and enjoyed sharing adventures with their children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miramon began his legendary construction career in 1950, building neighborhoods that included not only safe, quality, and affordable homes but also places to shop, schools, and churches; he was largely responsible for building the Slidell that exists today, having developed more than ten thousand lots for local homes and at least a dozen subdivisions over nearly seven decades as a highly productive residential and commercial developer and builder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miramon had an incredible work ethic and never stopped going to his office on Gause Boulevard; he served as a role model, mentor, and friend to many and was widely respected and admired for his loyalty, kindness, and ingenuity and for being true to his word; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of his tremendous contributions to his community and his fellow citizens, Mr. Miramon was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including recognitions from former governors and mayors; being named Slidell's Citizen of the Year; having a homeless men's shelter named "The Miramon Center" in honor of his efforts to make the shelter a reality; receiving the St. Louis King of France honor twice from the Archdiocese of New Orleans; being named the first Hall of Fame Builder by the St. Tammany Home Builders Association; receiving the prestigious Pioneer Award from the East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce; and too many more to mention, all richly deserved; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Pat Miramon will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, who will deeply miss and will never forget this extraordinary member of the "Greatest Generation"; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Pat Miramon, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, one who left an indelible mark on the lives of the many individuals whom he touched with his entrepreneurial spirit, unwavering integrity, and charitable nature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miramon is survived by his wife, Gloria Schindler Miramon; his daughters, Debbie McMath, Donna Campbell, Dolly Miramon, and Denise Miramon; his sons-in-law, Don McMath, Brian Campbell, and Richie Brockhaus; his grandchildren, Tiffany McMath Hymel and Jason Hymel, Patrick McMath and Jayne McMath, Christen Campbell Siegel and Stephen Siegel, Brian Douglas Campbell and Betsy Campbell, Catherine Campbell, Sadie Istre, and Yvonne Bryant; and his great-grandchildren, Hazel, Cole, and Jace Hymel, Mary and Margaux McMath, Sydney and Brant Siegel, Brian and Elton Campbell, and Hunter, Hayden, and Harper Istre; and

WHEREAS, a self-made man who truly achieved the American dream, Pat Miramon represented all that is good about Louisiana, and the state will forever reap the benefits of his incomparable legacy.

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 Louis "Pat" Miramon, Jr.; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his monumental and historic accomplishments; and does hereby extend appreciation for the singular contributions of this very special gentleman whose memory will forever remain a source of great honor and pride for the city of Slidell and the entire North Shore region, 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 Louis "Pat" Miramon, Jr.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES