

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Philip Andrew "Andy" Trahan Jr. and to posthumously commend him for his lung cancer advocacy and mentorship.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Mr. Philip Andrew "Andy" Trahan Jr., at age forty, of Monroe, Louisiana, on June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Andy was born December 5, 1979, in Bristol, Pennsylvania, to Philip A. and Karen Zimmerman Trahan; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church where he served as president of the parish council and was a member of ACTS; he was humble and always put the Lord first; and

WHEREAS, Andy received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and was the owner and operator of Trahan Solutions; he was also a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, he was a music lover and never missed an opportunity to play the drums; he also loved sports and was a natural on the tennis and basketball courts, and one of his favorite places to visit was New Orleans as a dedicated member of the "Who Dat Nation"; and

WHEREAS, Andy was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer over seven years ago and made it his life mission to better understand the disease so that he could help others; and

WHEREAS, he was a fierce lung cancer advocate and mentor and a charter member of ALK Positive, a patient/caregiver advocacy and fundraising organization; he attended numerous lung cancer conferences nationwide and lobbied on Capitol Hill; he originated a proposal for a Lung Cancer Awareness license plate which was enacted in 2016 as Act 296 after being introduced as House Bill 1010 by Representative Philip R. Devillier; and

WHEREAS, Andy tirelessly fought the stigma that lung cancer is always linked to

smoking and mentored newly diagnosed patients and caregivers worldwide, often being the first point of contact for new patients; and

WHEREAS, his family was precious to him; he was an amazing father whose children were his greatest source of pride and joy, and he never missed an event that involved his children; he was a dedicated husband who adored his wife; and he was a loyal son, brother, uncle, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Andy was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Ramon and Ann Zimmerman; paternal grandparents, Glady and Mary Trahan; and mother-in-law, Theresa Marsala; and

WHEREAS, survivors include his wife of almost seventeen years, Leslie Marsala Trahan; children, Marsala Marie Trahan, Philip Andrew Trahan III, and Josephine Ann Trahan; parents, Philip A. and Karen Zimmerman Trahan; brother, Joey Trahan (Sarah); sister, Jennifer Trahan Loras (Victor); father-in-law, Thomas Marsala; brothers-in-law, Tommy Marsala (Kym) and Robert Marsala (Christina); sister-in-law, Catherine Stuckey (Scott); nephews and nieces, Gemma Loras, Thomas, Julia, and Charlie Marsala, Maddux Marsala, Alex and Emory Rightsell, and Tessa and James Stuckey; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and godchildren; and

WHEREAS, Andy refused to let his diagnosis overshadow his many blessings in life; he impacted so many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the passing of Philip Andrew "Andy" Trahan Jr., and posthumously commend him for his lung cancer advocacy and mentorship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Andy Trahan's wife, Leslie Marsala Trahan.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES