

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state Senator, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness, and a sense of profound loss that the members of the Louisiana Legislature and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the death of former state senator, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr., was a true southern gentleman, a man brimming with self-confidence, a keen sense of humor, and a profound understanding of the complexities of law and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, he was born on November 5, 1921, in Jennings, Louisiana, to Guy William Sockrider, Sr., and Myrtle Bell Clarke Sockrider; and

WHEREAS, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr., was immersed in politics serving the people of southwest Louisiana for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he was a 1938 graduate of Jennings High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, at the age of twelve, Guy began a prolific work career, he founded Industrial Construction Company in 1949, and then in 1989 IMTC, a non-union company was formed, of which he was president and CEO, where he worked until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr., served his state and his country by voluntarily enlisting in the United States Army's 89th Infantry Division in 1942, was assigned to a headquarters company as a commissioned officer, served as a 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, and Captain, and was honorably discharged as the rank of Captain from the United States

Army; and

WHEREAS, he was married to Ruth Grein from 1941 to 1964 and through this union they were blessed with a daughter, Debbie Del Sockrider; he was a loving and committed father and step-father to the two children of Jaqueline Lott Sockrider, his second wife, with whom he was married from 1965 until her death in 1993; and he was a cherished companion to Frankie L. Trahan; and

WHEREAS, he was first elected in 1948, his service in the legislature extended from 1948 to 1964, spanning the administrations of governors Earl K. Long, Robert F. Kennon, Jimmie H. Davis, and John J. McKeithen; and he was the last living member of the 1964 Senate at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sockrider tirelessly served the constituency of the Imperial Calcasieu District of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson parishes and the people of the state of Louisiana for sixteen consecutive years of service in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sockrider ably performed his legislative duties serving with standing committees for finance, and labor and industrial relations where he became chairman and served in numerous capacities during his tenure including exceptional leadership as Chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Council for eight years, he was instrumental in numerous statewide projects including co-authoring legislation to elevate McNeese from a junior college as part of LSU to a four year state university and he co-authored legislation to establish a charity hospital in Lake Charles at that time called Charity Hospital, now known as W.O. Moss Regional Hospital, but his proudest accomplishment in the Senate was obtaining the financing for McNeese football stadium, and in 1964 chose not to seek reelection to the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sockrider was articulate and knowledgeable in the policies of finance and budgetary matters and his political philosophy embraced the give and take of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr., was a generous man blessed with an abundance of interests and skills whose love of family and friends was of utmost importance in his life; he performed public service proudly and willingly, he extended courtesy to all; and he leaves a rich, unique legacy that shall live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt condolences on the passing of statesman and former Louisiana State Senator, Guy W. Sockrider, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his daughter, Debbie Sockrider.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES