

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of United States Marine Corps veteran, former Ragin' Cajun football player, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a man of faith, and outstanding citizen of Baton Rouge, George F. Ballard Jr.

WHEREAS, a true Louisianian at heart, George Ballard was born in Longview, Texas, to George Francis Ballard Sr. and Ruth Taylor Ballard on March 11, 1937; and

WHEREAS, George F. Ballard Jr. served with honor in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; he was proud of his service to his country and he provided a patriotic example for all future generations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard was raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Lafayette, Louisiana; and he graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1963, where he was a member of the Ragin' Cajun football team; and

WHEREAS, George Ballard went to work for Ernst and Young, certified public accounting firm, in 1963, working in both Louisiana and Texas, and he retired after thirty years of working as a CPA, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard continued his professional career by obtaining a master's degree in finance from Louisiana State University in 1994; and

WHEREAS, while George Ballard had a very successful professional career, his commitment to his country, community of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and faith and family were paramount in his life; and

WHEREAS, George Ballard is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Keigh Hidalgo Ballard, his three children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of whom enjoyed the loving attention of their husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, early in his adult life, Mr. Ballard was recognized for his contribution to the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, both in Laredo, Texas; and

WHEREAS, upon settling permanently in Baton Rouge, George Ballard became active in the local Rotary Club, where he served as district governor in 1986 through 1987; the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, where he served on the board of directors; and the Boy Scouts of America, where he was the recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards, as well as being an Eagle Scout honoree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard's involvement in the Baton Rouge nonprofit community also included support for the Baton Rouge Symphony, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation, the Capital Area United Way, and the Louisiana State University E. J. Ourso College of Business Administration, where he served on the dean's advisory board; and

WHEREAS, George Ballard also lent his time and talents as a member of the Krewe of Louisiana from 1994 through 1997, as a fundraiser for the LSU Tiger Baseball team, the Baton Rouge Better Business Bureau, the Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center, and the Advanced Literacy Advocates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard was a person of faith, and his involvement as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge was another facet of this accomplished and patriotic citizen, a man who will be missed by family, friends, and his broader community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of United States Marine Corps veteran, former Ragin' Cajun football player, CPA, man of faith, and outstanding citizen of Baton Rouge, George F. Ballard Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Ballard's widow, Keigh Hidalgo Ballard.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES