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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR ALARIO

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of statesman and former state senator and representative, Tom Casey.

| 1 | A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION |
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| 2 | To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of |
| 3 | statesman and former state senator and representative, Thomas Alcade "Tom" Casey. |
| 4 | WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana and the members |
| 5 | of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Tom Casey, at age eighty-six, |
| 6 | on March 29, 2018; and |
| 7 | WHEREAS, Thomas Alcade Casey, a lifelong native of New Orleans was born on |
| 8 | the fourth of July, 1931; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Anderson and Dora |
| 10 | Stubbs Casey, his brothers, Joseph Stubbs Casey, Robert Taylor Casey, and John Reilly |
| 11 | Casey, and his sisters, Dora Casey Joubert and Peggy Casey LeBlanc; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Katherine Brady Casey; |
| 13 | children, Pamela Casey Stanton (Kim), Thomas Alcade Casey Jr. (Elizabeth), Katherine |
| 14 | Casey Caffery (Michael), Shannon Casey Countryman (Clay), and John Brady (Brad) Casey |
| 15 | (Ashley); grandchildren, Sarah Stanton Craft (George), Peter Casey Stanton, John Brennan |
| 16 | (Jack) Stanton (Anne), Caroline Whittington Casey, Michael St. Marc Caffery Jr., Thomas |
| 17 | Casey Caffery, Anne Brady Caffery, Katherine Butler (Kate) Countryman, Elizabeth Brady |
| 18 | (Betsy) Countryman, Mary Casey (Molly) Countryman, and Kathryn Grace Casey; six |
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| 1 | great-grandchildren with another on the way, James Ernest Craft, Mary Taylor Craft, |
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| 2 | Thomas Casey Craft, Peter Henderson Craft, Edmund Fitzgerald Stanton, and Frances |
| 3 | Faustina Stanton; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, Tom graduated from Jesuit High School, Loyola University, and Loyola |
| 5 | School of Law where he was a member of Law Review; and |
| 6 | WHEREAS, he was named Alumnus of the Year by Jesuit High School, and awarded |
| 7 | an Honorary Doctor of Law by Loyola Law School; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, Tom Casey served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army |
| 9 | Military Police Corps in the Korean War; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, he practiced law with his family firm, Casey, Babin and Casey, and as |
| 11 | Special Counsel with Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS, Tom Casey served for twenty years as a member of the Louisiana |
| 13 | Legislature, first in the House of Representatives, 1968 to 1975, where he chaired the House |
| 14 | Civil Law and Procedure Committee and then in the Louisiana Senate, 1976 to 1988, where |
| 15 | he was chairman of the Senate Judiciary A Committee; and |
| 16 | WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Young Turks, a group of newly |
| 17 | elected legislators who brought much needed reforms to the Louisiana Legislature; he served |
| 18 | as floor leader in the House for the City of New Orleans for Mayor Maurice Edwin "Moon" |
| 19 | Landrieu and floor leader in the Senate for Governor David Treen; and |
| 20 | WHEREAS, he received the Alliance for Good Government Legislator of the Year |
| 21 | Award in 1972, 1976, 1979, 1981, and 1983; and |
| 22 | WHEREAS, Tom Casey served as vice chairman of the Louisiana Constitutional |
| 23 | Convention 1973 and as executive counsel to Governor Buddy Roemer; and |
| 24 | WHEREAS, his service in the Louisiana Legislature, in the Constitutional |
| 25 | Convention, and as executive counsel was defined by the practical, not the political; was |
| 26 | defined by his passion for the law and by his belief in a well-crafted law's ability to improve |
| 27 | and sometimes transform lives, as, for example, when he authored, in conjunction with Janet |
| 28 | Mary Riley, the present Louisiana Community Property Law which did away with the "head |
| 29 | and master" rules which governed property acquired during a marriage; and |
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30 WHEREAS, Tom Casey sponsored and handled passage in the Senate for the

| 1 | controversial Louisiana Right to Work law; and |
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| 2 | WHEREAS, for ten years he chaired the Committee on Suggested State Legislation |
| 3 | for the National Council of State Governments; he was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme |
| 4 | Court to the Louisiana Indigent Defender Board and served as its first chairman; he |
| 5 | represented the Louisiana Senate as a member of the Louisiana Law Institute and a member |
| 6 | of the Louisiana Judicial Council; and he represented Louisiana as a Commissioner on the |
| 7 | National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, Tom Casey received the Weiss Brotherhood Award from the National |
| 9 | Conference of Christians and Jews for Distinguished Service in Human Relations; he was |
| 10 | a recipient of the Monte M. Lemann Award from the Louisiana Civil Service League; and |
| 11 | he was honored by the Public Law Center where he was a founding member and on the |
| 12 | board of directors; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, |
| 14 | chairman of Loyola Law Alumni, chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Visiting |
| 15 | Committee at Loyola Law School, and chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the |
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| 16 | New Orleans Bar Association; and |
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| 1 | WHEREAS, Tom Casey was a legislative and civic leader whose scholarly and |
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| 2 | courteous demeanor earned him widespread respect, a man who embodied integrity, |
| 3 | courtesy, and kindness who always had a smile on his face and a positive outlook; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, Tom Casey was a generous man blessed with an abundance of skills; |
| 5 | he provided invaluable leadership to the legislative process; and he leaves a rich and unique |
| 6 | legacy of public service to his family, community, state, and nation. |
| 7 | THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby |
| 8 | extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of great statesman, Senator |
| 9 | Tom Casey, a former member of both houses of the Legislature of Louisiana. |
| 10 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the |
| 11 | family of Tom Casey. |

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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