

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of statesman and former state senator and representative, Thomas Alcade "Tom" Casey.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana and the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Tom Casey, at age eighty-six, on March 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Alcade Casey, a lifelong native of New Orleans was born on the fourth of July, 1931; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Anderson and Dora Stubbs Casey, his brothers, Joseph Stubbs Casey, Robert Taylor Casey, and John Reilly Casey, and his sisters, Dora Casey Joubert and Peggy Casey LeBlanc; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Katherine "Kathy" Brady Casey; children, Pamela Casey Stanton (Kim), Thomas Alcade Casey Jr. (Elizabeth), Katherine Casey Caffery (Michael), Shannon Casey Countryman (Clay), and John Brady "Brad" Casey (Ashley); grandchildren, Sarah Stanton Craft (George), Peter Casey Stanton, John Brennan "Jack" Stanton (Anne), Caroline Whittington Casey, Michael St. Marc Caffery Jr., Thomas Casey Caffery, Anne Brady Caffery, Katherine Butler "Kate" Countryman, Elizabeth Brady "Betsy" Countryman, Mary Casey "Molly" Countryman, and Kathryn Grace Casey; six great-grandchildren with another on the way, James Ernest Craft, Mary Taylor Craft, Thomas Casey Craft, Peter Henderson Craft, Edmund Fitzgerald Stanton, and Frances Faustina Stanton; and

WHEREAS, Tom graduated from Jesuit High School, Loyola University, and Loyola School of Law where he was a member of Law Review; and

WHEREAS, he was named Alumnus of the Year by Jesuit High School, and awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law by Loyola Law School; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Military Police Corps in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, he practiced law with his family firm, Casey, Babin and Casey, and as Special Counsel with Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey served for twenty years as a member of the Louisiana Legislature, first in the House of Representatives, 1968 to 1975, where he chaired the House Civil Law and Procedure Committee and then in the Louisiana Senate, 1976 to 1988, where he was chairman of the Senate Judiciary A Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Young Turks, a group of newly elected legislators who brought much-needed reforms to the Louisiana Legislature; he served as floor leader in the House for the City of New Orleans for Mayor Maurice Edwin "Moon" Landrieu and floor leader in the Senate for Governor David Treen; and

WHEREAS, he received the Alliance for Good Government Legislator of the Year Award in 1972, 1976, 1979, 1981, and 1983; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey served as vice chairman of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention 1973, and as executive counsel to Governor Buddy Roemer; and

WHEREAS, his service in the Louisiana Legislature, in the Constitutional Convention, and as executive counsel was defined by the practical, not the political; was defined by his passion for the law and by his belief in a well-crafted law's ability to improve and sometimes transform lives, for example, when he authored, in conjunction with Janet Mary Riley, the present Louisiana Community Property Law which did away with the "head and master" rules which governed property acquired during a marriage; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey sponsored and handled passage in the Senate for the controversial Louisiana Right to Work law; and

WHEREAS, for ten years he chaired the Committee on Suggested State Legislation for the National Council of State Governments; he was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to the Louisiana Indigent Defender Board and served as its first chairman; he represented the Louisiana Senate as a member of the Louisiana Law Institute and a member of the Louisiana Judicial Council; and he represented Louisiana as a Commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey received the Weiss Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for Distinguished Service in Human Relations; he was a recipient of the Monte M. Lemann Award from the Louisiana Civil Service League; and he was honored by the Public Law Center where he was a founding member and on the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, chairman of Loyola Law Alumni, chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Visiting Committee at Loyola Law School, and chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the New Orleans Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Jesuit High School President's Advisory Council, a member of the Board of Trustees of Dominican College, a member of the Ursuline Academy Advisory Council, and president of the Jesuit High School Parents Club; and

WHEREAS, above all he adored his wife of almost sixty-five years, Mary Katherine, and was deeply committed to his Catholic faith as he and Kathy attended daily Mass together; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey cherished and valued time with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and beloved nieces and nephews, as the house was constantly filled with numerous extended family members celebrating endless birthdays, holidays, and life events; and

WHEREAS, he loved traveling; in earlier years before seatbelts, he and Kathy would pile the five children into the back of the station wagon and travel the United States; in later years he and Kathy enjoyed international travel, visiting more than fifty countries; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey was a legislative and civic leader whose scholarly and courteous demeanor earned him widespread respect, a man who embodied integrity, courtesy, and kindness and always had a smile on his face and a positive outlook; and

WHEREAS, Tom Casey was a generous man blessed with an abundance of skills; he provided invaluable leadership to the legislative process; and he leaves a rich and unique legacy of public service to his family, community, state, and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of great statesman, Senator Tom Casey, a former member of both houses of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Tom Casey.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES