

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the untimely death of Vanessa Miller Prejean, an individual who faithfully served the Legislature of Louisiana for thirty-two years, to commend her loyal service to both the Senate and House of Representatives, and to celebrate a life well lived.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and a profound sense of loss when the members and employees of the Legislature of Louisiana first learned of the passing of a dear friend and colleague, Vanessa Prejean, on January 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa was a personable woman brimming with kindness; she was the genuine article, gracious and soft-spoken, and her sincere character put everyone who met her at ease; and

WHEREAS, born on December 1, 1960, she was the only child of parents, John and Dorothy Miller; reared in Baton Rouge and Port Allen, she graduated from Redemptorist High School, matriculated at Louisiana State University, and in 1982, attained a bachelor of science degree in Management and Administration; and

WHEREAS, her public service began in December of that year with employment by the Louisiana Senate as a human resources manager under the tutelage of the comptroller, Bill Curry; and later in September 2007, she moved to a human resources analyst position with the Louisiana House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa did everything well; with her years of institutional knowledge and attention to detail she focused on the task at hand, whether disseminating information on employee benefits or managing payroll, human resources operations went smoothly; Vanessa handled each situation in a clear, concise, and courteous manner all the while upholding the highest professional standards; and

WHEREAS, in her personal life, she enjoyed traveling, in particular jaunts to New York City, highly anticipated adventures to the beach, and visits to relatives in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa cherished her children and reveled in their accomplishments; her son, Blake, is a construction manager, husband to Laura Beth, and father to William and Camille; her daughter, Lindsey, has completed a degree in Kinesiology and will soon complete an advanced nursing degree from Southeastern Louisiana University; and

WHEREAS, a high point in her life was the birth of her grandchildren, William Blake and Camille Marie; she was the consummate grandmother dotting on their every whim; and

WHEREAS, she taught her children the true meaning of devotion to family and of the biblical commandment to honor one's father and mother; to honor Vanessa's last wishes Blake, Laura Beth, Lindsey and her friend, Jared Ashford, have continued to care for Vanessa's elderly mother, Dot, who is ninety-three years of age and for Vanessa's pet dog, Roxie; and

WHEREAS, Vanessa loved her children with all her heart and instilled in them life's tenets of inner strength, resiliency, and self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, although Vanessa Prejean left us all too soon, she leaves an indelible mark on the lives of her friends at the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln once said, *"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"*; and

WHEREAS, it was her inner beauty, constant smile, and generosity of spirit that will be remembered by her family, friends, and fellow associates at the Senate and the House of Representatives of Louisiana; Vanessa Prejean enriched many lives; and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the pleasure to know her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the passing of Vanessa M. Prejean and does hereby acknowledge with gratitude the wealth of public service she provided to this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to her mother and children, Mrs. Dot Miller, Blake M. Prejean, and Lindsey N. Prejean.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES