

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATORS ALARIO, PEACOCK, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Paul Tudor Gallagher and to note his many contributions made on the behalf of this body.

WHEREAS, it is with great remorse that the Legislature of Louisiana bids farewell to Paul Gallagher, who shall be remembered as a distinguished lobbyist and attorney-at-law; and

WHEREAS, for over three decades Paul Gallagher was an integral part of the state capitol community lending his credibility and confidence to the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Paul was nearly destined to work within the legislative branch of government; when, as an undergraduate at Louisiana State University, he was employed as a student worker for the Louisiana Legislative Council and later was appointed as head page during several legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, reared in Shreveport, Louisiana, by parents Judge Andrew and Marilyn Gallagher, he graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in 1975, where he excelled in tennis and debate; and

WHEREAS, Paul earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Public Administration from LSU in 1979 and a Juris Doctor from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU in 1982; and

WHEREAS, he joined the law firm of Broadhurst, Brook, Mangham, Hardy, Rolfs and Abadie; he then established a sole proprietorship lobbying firm for the next thirty years and later was retained as counsel for Harris, DeVille & Associates; and

WHEREAS, affable, charming, and outgoing, Paul Gallagher gained the respect of his clients and peers for his acumen for negotiating compromise; and

WHEREAS, a consummate mediator, Paul understood the ways and means of the legislative system and was well-versed in Louisiana's political scene; he could discern the various viewpoints in a debate, diplomatically arrive at the heart of the matter, and strike an accord; his work ethic was based on the tenets of honesty, integrity, diligence, and attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, at over six feet in height and lanky in stature, Paul could be seen striding quietly to committee meetings absorbed in thought; he provided excellent representation for oil and gas, banking, real estate, insurance, and business interests; and

WHEREAS, Paul represented many business concerns that include, the American Council of Life Insurance, Harris, DeVille & Associates, the Alchemind Group, Churchill Downs/Fair Grounds Race Course, Penn Gaming International, Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Citgo Petroleum, Coalition for Common Sense, Coalition to Insure Louisiana, Encana Oil & Gas (USA), Hilcorp Energy, Louisiana Realtors Association, Louisiana State Medical Society, Ochsner Health, Sasol North America, and the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gallagher was a friend for life; he possessed an innate ability to befriend nearly any individual no matter how diametrically opposed their political positions may have been; and

WHEREAS, Paul had a playful side as well; with an affable demeanor, he was always ready for any kind of amusement or recreation; he loved the companionship of friends and family; he liked tennis, hunting, and fishing; and he enjoyed horse racing and exotic wagering; and

WHEREAS, Paul was a kind and generous individual who appreciated everyone close to him; and he was well respected among his fellow lobbyists and the numerous legislators he served throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime Paul traveled freely in the inner circles of seven governors: Edwin Edwards, Dave Treen, Buddy Roemer, Mike Foster, Kathleen Blanco, Bobby Jindal, and John Bel Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gallagher was loyal, thoughtful, and kind with a generosity of spirit that enriched the lives of all who knew the pleasure of his company; and

WHEREAS, he valiantly fought the good fight against cancer with extraordinary grace, strength of will, and faith; he lived each moment of his life fully with little regret; and

WHEREAS, surrounded by friends and loved ones, Paul slipped away from this life on January 18, 2018, to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Paul is survived by his parents, Judge Andrew and Marilyn Gallagher, his sister, Laura Amberson and her husband, Joe, John Gallagher and his wife, Camille, and Patrick Gallagher and his wife, Mary, nieces and nephews, Claire and Kace Phillips, Harris Amberson, Davis Gallagher, Whitney Scroggins, and Ethan, Emma, and Evan Chamberlain, and a host of beloved friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of distinguished lobbyist, Paul T. Gallagher, and does hereby celebrate his stalwart dedication to the legislative process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Paul T. Gallagher.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES