

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences of Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Ben Katz.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of  
3 Monroe City Councilman Ben Katz.

4 WHEREAS, Ben Katz was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather  
5 and brother to his family, and while he will certainly be dearly missed by his family, he will  
6 also be greatly missed and remembered by the many persons whose lives he touched with  
7 his kindness; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a native of Starkville, Mississippi, and a graduate of Starkville  
9 High School and Mississippi State University, and in the professional career he subsequently  
10 built, his business interests would take him to many parts of North America, as well as the  
11 Caribbean Basin; and

12 WHEREAS, Ben Katz was very successful in his many business endeavors and was  
13 both a senior vice president of Amax Coal Company and the president of Deposit Trust  
14 Bank; and

15 WHEREAS, he was also very active in his community and in his civic pursuits, and  
16 served on numerous boards, including the Council on Aging, the Food Bank of North East  
17 Louisiana, Monroe Rotary, Louisiana Business Loans, and the Council of Retired  
18 Executives; and

1           WHEREAS, Ben Katz was deeply engaged in his faith, and helped many others in  
2 his role as a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Monroe, where he also served as  
3 an Elder; and

4           WHEREAS, Ben Katz was also successful in the tough arena of politics and was  
5 serving at the time of his death as the three-term veteran Councilman for District 2 on the  
6 Monroe City Council; and

7           WHEREAS, Ben Katz also made the time to create a real difference in his  
8 community with his work as an advocate for seniors and his service as a member of the  
9 Monroe Council on Aging; and

10          WHEREAS, he was the kind of outstanding example for all who knew, loved and  
11 served with him, and Ben dedicated his life to his personal mission of trying to improve the  
12 quality of life for the people of Monroe; and

13          WHEREAS, many in his community have declared that they are better persons for  
14 having known Ben and that they deeply admired his refusal to rest until the job was done  
15 when he was working for others; and

16          WHEREAS, Ben will be deeply missed by his wife and partner of almost fifty-four  
17 years, Kay Kellogg Katz, and his children Brit, Kelley and Kris, as well as his grandchildren,  
18 great-grandchildren, brother and other family members; and

19          WHEREAS, Ben's family, though they do mourn his passing, they also take great  
20 comfort in having known such a great man, and of having the opportunity to have loved and  
21 been loved by him.

22          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23 extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of Monroe City Councilman  
24 Ben Katz for their immeasurable loss and for his dedication, love and service to his  
25 community, church, family and friends.

26          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 family of Monroe City Councilman Ben Katz.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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DIGEST

Walsworth

SCR No.

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