

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES