

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATORS WOMACK, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CATHEY, CLOUD, EDMONDS, FESI, FIELDS, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE AND TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Mayther "Ray" Young upon the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Mayther "Ray" Young passed away peacefully at his home on January 21, 2024, at the age of ninety-four, surrounded by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, Ray Young was born in Hico, Louisiana, in 1929, and grew up on a subsistence farm where he developed a strong work ethic by plowing with a mule, milking cows, and picking cotton; and

WHEREAS, Ray graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and later received a master's degree in entomology from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1955 and subsequently moved his young family to Wisner, Louisiana, in 1955, where he established a successful agriculture business that included swine operations, cattle, and row crops such as cotton, corn, soybeans, and potatoes; and

WHEREAS, Ray Young also operated an agriculture consulting business, serving farmers throughout North Louisiana, and was active as a member and officer in various agriculture organizations, including the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and the Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association; and

WHEREAS, he was highly regarded by his peers, earning numerous awards and recognitions for his contributions to agriculture, including induction into the Louisiana Agricultural Hall of Fame, twice named National Agricultural Consultant of the Year, twice named Outstanding Conservation Farmer for Northeast Louisiana, named National Consultant of the Year, recipient of the National Cotton Achievement Award, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Ray was a dedicated public servant, serving a term as mayor of the town

of Wisner and several terms on the Franklin Parish Police Jury, as well as service on the Louisiana Land Bank, National Farm Credit Council, and as chairman of the Louisiana Farm Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the board of Louisiana College, now Louisiana Christian University, demonstrating his commitment to education and community service; and

WHEREAS, Ray was a man of deep faith, an active member of First Baptist Church of Wisner, where he taught Sunday School, served as a deacon, and sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, his faith and generosity were an inspiration to his church, its congregation, and the entire community, as his relationship with Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of his life; and

WHEREAS, Ray recently celebrated his seventy-first wedding anniversary with his beloved wife, Dorothy, and took immense pride in their four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of her communities, and overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon extraordinary individuals like Ray Young who through his contributions to his fellow man, his strong moral values, and his determined work ethic leave this world a better place than before.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Mayther "Ray" Young upon the occasion of his passing and honors his numerous contributions to agriculture, public service, and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Dorothy Young.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES