

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory, devoted husband, father, grandfather, godfather, and devout servant of God, who faithfully served his community for over thirty years.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory on February 6, 2021, at the age of sixty-six; and

WHEREAS, he was born on July 30, 1954, to Chesley Gregory and Norma Planchard Gregory; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory was a certified optician who owned and operated the Sulphur Optical Shoppe, which served the community's eyewear needs for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others, he was an emergency medical technician and a bus driver for children attending Westlake area schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory, an active member of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Sulphur, received the Rotarian of the Year award in 2006 for eleven years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, he lived by the Rotarian 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, and do: (1) "Is it the truth?", (2) "Is it fair to all concerned?", (3) "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?", and (4) "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Gregory was not serving his community, he could be found at his children's various sporting events, especially their swim meets where he served as a swim referee and stroke official; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory loved the Lord and was ordained in August of 2014 as a deacon of the Catholic Church, and since his ordination, he faithfully served as a deacon for the Faith Family of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Deacon James "Chris" Gregory is survived by his best friend and beloved wife of forty-two years, Mary Lynn Hayes Gregory; their four children, Sarah Bannan (Christopher), Rebekeh Bernard (Andrew), Dr. Nicholas Gregory (Sarah), and Hannah Rogers (Paul); fifteen grandchildren; two brothers, Dr. Chesley "Pip" Gregory (Trudy) and Dr. Joseph "Joey" Gregory (Debra); and his extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gregory's bright smile and welcoming spirit will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby respectfully acknowledge with gratitude the outstanding service to his community and extends sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Deacon James "Chris" Gregory, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, godfather, and a devout servant of God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Mrs. Mary Lynn Hayes Gregory.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES