

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATORS WHITE, FOIL AND POPE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of the Honorable Clifton Russell "Clif" Richardson and to acknowledge his lifelong commitment to public service.

WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the death of businessman and former legislator, Clifton Russell "Clif" Richardson, who passed away on March 6, 2020, at the age of seventy-five, at his home in Greenwell Springs, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Clif Richardson was an extraordinarily kind gentleman who led a well-balanced life as a public servant, businessman, and devout Christian; and

WHEREAS, he embodied the best qualities of a public servant; he held a genuine interest in the people he served and felt a personal responsibility to represent all of his constituency with honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Clif served and defended his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and served his community as the Chairman of the Central Fire Department Board as well as many other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, he held both local and state offices as a Justice of the Peace for sixteen years and as a Louisiana State Representative representing the concerns of District 65 in East Baton Rouge Parish for five years, including service as a member of the House Civil Law and Procedure, Education, Municipal and Parochial Affairs, Natural Resources, and Transportation, Highways and Public Works committees; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to serve as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2008 until 2012 with sixty-seven percent of the vote, and ran unopposed for reelection in 2011, but resigned in 2013 due to health issues; and

WHEREAS, for most of his life he worked as an electrical contractor and was the co-founder of Rebel Electric, Heating and Air Conditioning; and

WHEREAS, Clif was honored to serve his Lord and his church, being a former Deacon at Lanier Baptist Church and Fellowship Baptist Church, and was also a member of the Central Masonic Lodge and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, O.C. Russell Richardson and wife, Frances, and Hansbro Overmire and husband, Clarence; siblings, Dorothy "Dot" Basso and husband, Rudolph "Rudy", Jerome Richardson; and brother-in-law, Ned Martello, his longtime business partner and co-founder of Rebel Electric; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Dianne Carpenter Richardson; children, Mark Russell "Rooster" Richardson and wife, Jennifer, and Robin Richardson Stewart and husband, Elmer; grandchildren, Kyle Russell Richardson and fiancé, Caitlin Lanehart, Ashlyn Richardson Sullivan and husband, Aaron, Kaitlyn Richardson McKenzie and husband, Dustin, Taylor Richardson, Matthew Stewart, Andrew Stewart, and Philip Stewart; great-grandsons, Aidan Russell Richardson and Colin James, who is lovingly expected in August; sister, Mary Martello; sister-in-law, Shirley Richardson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and

WHEREAS, Clif was a dedicated servant, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend who leaves a rich and unique legacy of good works to his family, community, state, and country who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences upon the passing of the Honorable Clifton Russell "Clif" Richardson, former legislator and businessman, and does hereby acknowledge his lifelong commitment to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Dianne Carpenter Richardson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE