

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Hermon Levi Milton Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish and the state of Louisiana learned of the death of Hermon Levi Milton Jr. on November 25, 2020, at the age of ninety-four; and

WHEREAS, Hermon was born on September 14, 1926, in Walker, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Hermon was a loving and devoted husband to his wife of sixty-nine years, Genevieve "Genny" Milton, and a dedicated and committed father to four children, Janice Marie Milton Johnson, Michael Earl Milton, Patrick Glenn Milton, and Mark Joseph Milton; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Oney Bernice Graham Milton and Hermon Milton Sr.; and

WHEREAS, few men can claim the honesty and success that Hermon was noted for in life. It was this honesty and caring attitude for his family, friends, and acquaintances that is remembered most by all whose lives he touched in his generous lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Hermon was a resident of Baker, Louisiana, but would spend as much time as he could at his camp in Norwood, Louisiana, which he considered to be "Heaven on Earth"; and

WHEREAS, Hermon proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he was very active in the community and often barbecued for many fundraisers on his self-made pit; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed serving the city of Baker by, among other endeavors,

establishing numerous baseball facilities; and

WHEREAS, Hermon was a Mason in the Baker Masonic Lodge 441; and

WHEREAS, Hermon also served as chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee of IBEW Local Union 995 for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Hermon opened Buffalo Electric, Inc., which grew exponentially as the electric company offered industrial, commercial, and residential electrical construction and maintenance; he was known for being fair with his customers and his community; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Hermon Levi Milton Jr. and his brother Jack founded Buffalo Electric Inc., in Baker, Louisiana, and Herman served as president of the company until 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, when the National Electric Contractors Association (NECA) opened a chapter in Baton Rouge and Hermon was asked by the Baton Rouge contractors to become the first governor of the chapter; he accepted the position and served for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, he was later elected president of all chapters of the National Electric Contractors Association (NECA), serving in that capacity for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Hermon served as the chairman of the Baton Rouge Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for over thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, he also served on the Louisiana State Electrical Apprenticeship Council and the Louisiana Statewide (IBEW / NECA) Electrical Council; and

WHEREAS, Hermon received the NECA's highest national award, the Bob Comstock Award, in recognition of his contributions in the complex field of labor relations; and

WHEREAS, the NECA specifically honored Hermon as the strongest voice for unionized electrical work among the industrial plant managers and owners along the Gulf Coast and lower Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, Hermon was the founder and president of International Specialties which was established in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Hermon, a man of strong faith, was a longtime deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church of Baker; and

WHEREAS, Hermon Levi Milton Jr. was an accomplished businessman who will forever be remembered for the love and respect that he held for his fellow workers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Hermon Levi Milton Jr. and extends enduring appreciation for his outstanding service and many accomplishments for the good of the people of East Baton Rouge Parish, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Hermon Levi Milton Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE