

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Benny Don Milligan.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the citizens and the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Benny D. Milligan on February 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Benny Don Milligan was born on March 3, 1938, in Vidalia, Louisiana, and after living in Lake Charles, Louisiana, his family returned to Vidalia where he graduated from Vidalia High School in 1956; and

WHEREAS, he attended Louisiana Tech University, where he graduated with honors, obtaining a bachelor of art's degree in English education, and later earned a master's degree in English education from Mississippi College; and

WHEREAS, after college he returned to Vidalia in 1961, where he joined the U.S. Army reserve, taught math and science at Vidalia Junior High School, and coached football and basketball at elementary and middle school levels in East Baton Rouge and Concordia parish schools, touching the lives of the many students he taught and coached; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, he took a job with Science Research Associates, an educational subsidiary of IBM, marketing testing programs and educational materials to Louisiana schools; and

WHEREAS, he first started as a marketing representative, then became a regional manager and then was promoted to area manager, and finally a senior marketing representative, marketing hardware to the Department of Education and Louisiana schools; and

WHEREAS, he had a long distinguished and productive career making lifelong friends along the way and retired with thirty years of service to IBM; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, he became the educational marketing representative for Excel Software Professionals, a computer hardware and software company; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Benny Milligan joined C.J. Brown Realtors as a full-time realtor retiring from C.J. Brown in December of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Benny Milligan was an exemplary and highly-admired citizen of Louisiana who worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, religious, and political causes throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Benny Milligan was a loving and devoted husband to his loving wife of forty-eight years, Katherine Tucker Milligan, and through their union they were blessed with two sons, Barry and Ben, and he was a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and relative whose love of family was of the utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, upon his death the world lost a unique individual who left an indelible mark upon his community and the lives of all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like Benny D. Milligan who use their considerable talents and resources to benefit our future generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Benny Don Milligan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Katherine Tucker Milligan.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE