

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 227

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Frank M. Stuart Sr.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Frank Merlin Stuart Sr., at age sixty-five, on April 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Kyla, and his father, Marion; and

WHEREAS, Frank is survived by his devoted wife of twenty-two years, Sheree Kerner; his loving mother Beverly Stuart; his children Marissa, Brenna, Frank Jr., Bailey, and Amberly Stuart; his grandchildren Emma Stuart and William Cameron Wood; his nephews Daniel and Dylan Lane; his niece Katelyn Kerner; his business partner and valued friend of many years, Tommy Martin; and a host of friends here and around the world, including his many engineering associates and staff colleagues; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Holy Cross High School and relished his days playing the saxophone in both the Holy Cross and Louisiana Tech University marching bands; he graduated earning a bachelor and master's degree in civil engineering from Louisiana Tech University, then was awarded a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Frank began his engineering career with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. then moved on to Perez & Associates, the lead architectural firm for the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans, in a leadership role he was most proud of; and

WHEREAS, he briefly started his first firm EPG and worked closely with Mayor Dutch Morial, then decided to serve as Director of Streets for the City of New Orleans under Mayor Sidney Barthelemy; and

WHEREAS, Frank Stuart Sr. was active in civic and political affairs of the community; and

WHEREAS, he went on to work with AECOM, an international engineering firm and opened their local office in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he founded Stuart Consulting Group, an engineering firm with an international client base and locations in Alabama, Texas, and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he actively participated in the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina developing an extraordinary talent for obtaining FEMA funding for relief from weather disasters; and

WHEREAS, he also worked on the BP oil spill disaster in Lafitte, assisting and managing clean-up activities; and

WHEREAS, he went on to help many parishes and communities in the Gulf Coast area obtain FEMA funding for relief after the latest weather disasters, including Houston where his firm is managing a large portion of the recovery effort there; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of several professional engineering and social organizations, including the Krewe of Bacchus; he was an avid Saints and LSU Tiger fan all his life, an avid skier, and his hobbies included fishing, motorcycles, and breeding of German Shepherds when he was a teenager; and

WHEREAS, he encouraged his two youngest daughters to become 4th-degree blackbelts in Tae Kwon Do and achieved a 3rd-degree blackbelt for himself at Old Metairie Tiger Rock; and

WHEREAS, Frank's true passion was traveling in his RV with his family across country to visit national parks, places like Williamsburg and Disney, and various campgrounds; he had recently upgraded to a newer RV, and it was his life's dream to retire and travel around the country with Sheree; and

WHEREAS, Frank Stuart Sr. was the kind of citizen who represented all that is good about Louisiana, a man of wisdom who used his abilities and spirit to improve his community and state and a man whose quality for life and contributions to the state have left an indelible mark upon the minds and hearts of his family, friends, and all those who lives he touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere condolences to the family of Frank M. Stuart Sr. on the loss of their beloved husband, father, grandfather, and son.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Frank M. Stuart Sr.'s wife, Sheree Kerner.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE