

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 250

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Michael Todd Denson upon his passing and to express the loss of a colleague of the Senate.

WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of our friend and trusted Senate staffer, Todd Denson, who passed suddenly from this life on September 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Todd was a man of many talents and a friend to all; employed in 2004, Todd was a fixture in Senate committee rooms, he monitored the audio and video feed of public meetings, and he was attentive to the quality of archival recordings as a communication technician and research assistant; and

WHEREAS, Todd was a complex individual and a jack of all trades; he could do many things well and he had many vocations and interests; and

WHEREAS, in photography, he had the artist's eye for composition, light, space, and shadow; while just a teenager, he learned to develop his own prints; Todd found photography to be a pleasing medium for personal expression; and

WHEREAS, easygoing by nature, Todd sought out the company of revelers, whether at a favorite watering hole or street fair, there were new people to meet and topics of conversation to discuss; and

WHEREAS, Michael Todd had a dapper sense of style as a chic dresser who wore tailored suits, fitted shirts with cuff links, and distinctive footwear; and

WHEREAS, he loved the outdoors, whether camping or hiking, at the beach, or just resting in the sunshine; and

WHEREAS, his father, John, was an equestrian and horse trainer who taught Todd to ride as soon as he could sit in a saddle; and

WHEREAS, Todd shall be remembered for his lifelong love of music and for his mastery of the guitar; he believed that poetry and music were essential to an individual's development; and

WHEREAS, Todd possessed a distinctive turn of phrase expressed in the prose he composed in poems, letters, and thoughtful messages to loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he was a true gentleman and genuine friend to all with a special dedication to the light of his life, his son, Lucas Johnathon Denson; and

WHEREAS, Todd is survived by Kathryn Camille Denson, his mother; John Bradley Denson, his brother; Beth Paxton Denson, his sister-in-law; Lucas Johnathon Denson, his only son; Kimberlyn DiVincenti Denson, his son's mother; Madison Elise Denson and Makenzie Paxton Denson, his nieces; and a host of loving friends; and

WHEREAS, Todd was the son of Camille Denson, our friend and former Senate secretary, now retired; and special condolences are extended to Camille and her family; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Michael Todd Denson shall abide with his friends and colleagues at the legislature, and he shall remain "forever young" in their hearts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Michael Todd Denson and does hereby mourn the loss of a friend and colleague of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Michael Todd Denson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE