

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 273

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Jean Marie Bourg Ellis, an individual fulfilled by her service to her God, to her family, and to her community.

WHEREAS, it is with deep remorse that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of a great lady and family matriarch, Jean Ellis, on June 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Bourg, a native of Baton Rouge, was the only child born to Emile Joseph Bourg Sr. and Mabel Elizabeth Thompson Bourg on July 19, 1928; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from St. Joseph's Academy, Jean was employed by the Louisiana AFL-CIO, where she was the special assistant to Kenneth Gordon Flory, and later to Victor V. Bussie; and

WHEREAS, a gentlewoman of abundant social grace, in September 1956, Jean married the love of her life, Albert James Ellis, and their union was blessed with two sons, David Noel Ellis and Randall (Randy) Kevin Ellis, along with three grandchildren, and a host of extended family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, as a Christian of profound faith, she was a member of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Jean possessed a love for life, that *joie de vivre* that leads to adventure and travel; she enjoyed being anywhere near water whether it be the Gulf of Mexico or on a river; she also enjoyed fishing, reading, and working crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS, Jean was also a founding member of The Card Club, a social group of ladies who have played together for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Jean had a special compassion for her pets; they were all so precious to her; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a devoted mother and aunt to numerous generations of nieces and nephews, and her love of family and friends was of the utmost importance in her life; and

WHEREAS, she worked tirelessly for the benefit of others, and devoted her life to unselfish service to God, a true steward of Christian faith and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Jean epitomized the strength of southern womanhood; she was a "Steel Magnolia" who fulfilled a personal commitment to live life to its fullest and pledged a sacred trust to give back to others more than she received; and

WHEREAS, Jean Marie Ellis will be remembered for her devotion to family, her friendly demeanor, her smile, and her kindness.

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 Jean Ellis upon her passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby pay tribute to the remarkable legacy of Jean Ellis that shall live long in the hearts of those who were touched with her grace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Jean Ellis.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE