

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR GATTI

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Stephen James Shows of Elm Grove, Louisiana, former general manager of the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant in Minden, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Stephen James Shows was born to Dorothy Matthews Shows and James Stephen Shows on December 5, 1941, in Minden, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from Byrd High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1959 and attendance at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, Steve Shows began his work at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant, spending his entire working career in various positions at the plant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shows began his career at the "shell plant" as an employee of the Sperry Rand Corporation in 1962; and

WHEREAS, eventually Sperry Rand was acquired by Thiokol and Morton Thiokol, who took over control of the plant while Steve Shows continued in his career at the plant, retiring as general manager in 1995; and

WHEREAS, following retirement as general manager, Steve Shows spent periods of time working within the plant, first for Valentec Systems and later for FireAway, Inc., from which he retired in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Steve Shows met and married the love of his life, Anita Ashley Shows, and the couple raised three children, son, Stephen O'Neal Shows; daughter, Elizabeth Lee Shows Cazayoux; and stepson, Cory Cruse, who, among them, have been blessed with five children, Steve and Anita's beautiful and much loved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shows leaves his beloved wife, his children, and grandchildren to treasure his memory; and

WHEREAS, Steve Shows was a member of the American Defense Preparedness Association, the American Society for Quality Control, the Shreveport Economic Development Foundation, Sons of American Legion, and the Lake Bisteneau News; and

WHEREAS, a passionate preservationist, Steve Shows was dedicated to maintaining the natural beauty and accessibility of Lake Bisteneau, a favorite spot of his; and

WHEREAS, Steve Shows had other passions beyond his family, including a dedication to Louisiana State University Tiger football and to the enjoyment of a good glass of wine; and

WHEREAS, Steve Shows was a dedicated company man, a leader in his career, a devoted husband, father and grandfather, an involved preservationist of Lake Bisteneau, and a devoted LSU Tiger fan, all pursuits that led to a full life, well-lived by a man who was well-loved by his family.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Stephen James Shows of Elm Grove, Louisiana, former general manager of the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant in Minden, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Anita Ashley Shows, widow of Steve Shows.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE