

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James LaVerne Jeter.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of James LaVerne Jeter on October 19, 2020, at the age of ninety-four; and

WHEREAS, James Jeter was born on February 3, 1926, in Fullerton, Louisiana, to Ed and Edith Jeter; and

WHEREAS, he was a very successful businessman in Leesville, Louisiana, as the owner of Jeter Oil Company and Jeter Apartments; and

WHEREAS, James Jeter was extremely civic-minded; he was a proud member of the Leesville Lions Club for over fifty years, holding various offices, including president; and

WHEREAS, James Jeter was well known in Leesville and throughout the far reaches of Vernon Parish and was a regular figure at the annual Lions Club Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, he was an experienced storyteller and local historian, captivating family and friends with his stories from Jeter Town, The Louisiana Maneuvers, and the Farm; and

WHEREAS, the Jeter family raised corn, cotton, cattle, and hogs, and rode horses across the grassy landscape of rural Vernon Parish; and

WHEREAS, whether you met James Jeter on the steps of the post office, at Lowes, or at the Ranch House, he gave you a warm welcome; he was a proud member of The Romeo Club which met at McDonalds every Friday morning where gallons of coffee were consumed as they attempted to solve the world's problems; and

WHEREAS, he always had a hardy handshake and a big smile for everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, James Jeter was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife Margie; parents, Ed and Edith Jeter; brothers, Dennis Lee Jeter, Curtis Jeter, Carl Jeter, and Dale Jeter; and sister Mary Lynn Sifford; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed a very special bond with his grandchildren who respected his opinions and looked to him for sage advice and counsel in so many ways; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Gayle Caldwell and her husband Jim; grandchildren, Laina Poleman, Lenny Roach, and Joel Caldwell and wife Amy; great-grandchildren Dylan Poleman, Claire Poleman, Marlee Roach, Tripp Roach, Cameron Caldwell, Carter Caldwell, Matthew Rogers, a host of very special nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends, including his very special friend Jimmy Mayeaux; and

WHEREAS, with the death of James Jeter, Louisiana has lost one of its finest citizens who was admired by all whose lives he touched and he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, his passing has left a tremendous void in the Leesville community, but his love, smile, and personality shall remain eternally in the hearts and minds of his loved ones, friends, and all who had the opportunity to meet and know him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of James LaVerne Jeter, does hereby record and acknowledge his singular contributions and achievements, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful gentleman brought to his family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his daughter, Gayle Caldwell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE