

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the deaths of those who lost their lives aboard the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling platform.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 tragic deaths of those aboard the Transocean Deepwater Horizon, a semi-submersible
4 drilling platform, in the Gulf of Mexico.

5 WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that the Senate, along with the citizens of
6 Louisiana and the nation, mourns the loss of life from the terrible tragedy that occurred on
7 the evening of April 20, 2010, when an explosion onboard the oil rig, Deepwater Horizon,
8 took the lives of eleven crew members; and

9 WHEREAS, some of the fallen were from communities both large and small that dot
10 the Gulf Coast; and

11 WHEREAS, condolences are extended to the family members who have lost fathers,
12 brothers, and sons; and

13 WHEREAS, it is the worst oil rig disaster in nearly a decade; a similar loss of life
14 last occurred in 2001, off the coast of Brazil; and

15 WHEREAS, petroleum exploration has been the life's blood of the state's economy
16 for over one hundred twenty years, and in 1947, Kerr-McGee Corporation began the first
17 successful offshore fixed platform exploration off the coast of Louisiana; and

18 WHEREAS, for sixty plus years, oil exploration has been a perilous venture, fraught

1 with risk, attracting only the most strong-willed and able-bodied among us; and

2 WHEREAS, some of Louisiana's finest and hardest men and women have answered
3 the call to work atop those floating cities made of steel dancing on the waves of a near
4 limitless ocean; and

5 WHEREAS, it is a daring and courageous person who undertakes such a career; and

6 WHEREAS, there were a number of stories of heroism and bravery during those
7 harrowing last moments on the Deepwater Horizon before one hundred fifteen survivors
8 were evacuated in lifeboats; and

9 WHEREAS, among the departed to be remembered are Wyatt Kemp of Jonesville,
10 Louisiana, Karl Kleppinger of Natchez, Mississippi, and Shane Roshto of Amite County,
11 Mississippi, and eight others of the fated crew; and

12 WHEREAS, words of solace are extended to family members bereaved by the loss
13 of loved ones; with hope that empathy and understanding soothes many troubled hearts with
14 affirmations of everlasting grace.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby extend its condolences, along with those of the state and the nation, to the
17 families of the deceased oil rig personnel who perished aboard the Deepwater Horizon
18 platform, April 20, 2010.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that condolences are extended to the survivors for
20 their losses of co-workers and friends.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

DIGEST

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