

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, CORTEZ, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, PETERSON, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Missy and Kenneth Hix, of Lafayette, Louisiana, a deeply committed couple, who died in a private plane crash with dear friends Pauline and Philip Ackel of Natchitoches, Louisiana, near Hilltop Lakes, Texas, on September 20, 2020, a devastating loss for families, friends, and the communities of both couples.

WHEREAS, Missy Lynn Toups Hix was born on January 8, 1961, in Galliano, Louisiana, to Anson and Ruth Toups and she joined a large, relentlessly headstrong family, including her four siblings; and

WHEREAS, Missy Toups shared the trait of being headstrong and she was determined to make a life for herself, which meant leaving the bayou and attending college at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Missy met the love of her life at Northwestern and she and Kenny Hix married in time for her to support them while he attended and graduated from Louisiana State University law school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Missy Hix considered Kenny her lifelong project which she enjoyed every day, supporting and encouraging him while also keeping the family foremost in her mind; and

WHEREAS, Missy worked for Marathon Oil Company, but her most important and satisfying job was as wife and supporter to Kenny and mother to their beloved sons, Austin J. Hix and Connor J. Hix; and

WHEREAS, anyone who knew her, however casually, knew that Missy Hix always had a smile and a kind word for others, as her warmth and generosity were always on display for her family, her friends, and anyone in their community whose path crossed hers; and

WHEREAS, whether on a family vacation, hosting family and friends in her home or volunteering at their sons' school, Missy relished her role as wife and mother and delighted in all the tasks that role required of her; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Lloyd Hix was born to John Lloyd and Jo Condray Hix on January 14, 1961, in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Hix spent his childhood growing up in Natchitoches, as well as traveling around the world with his educator parents and his beloved sister, Karen Hix-Cherico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hix attended college at Northwestern State University, where he met and eventually married his best friend Missy Toups; and

WHEREAS, following graduation from both Northwestern and Louisiana State University law school, Missy and Kenny returned to Lafayette to begin their lives as Kenny worked to establish himself as an attorney, as a land man in the oil and gas business, and, finally, as the chief executive officer of his own company, IntegriCert, an oil and gas certification and compliance company located in New Iberia, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Missy and Kenny were very active in their community becoming honorary alums of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, supporting *Ragin' Cajun* athletics and attending many games; Kenny served as chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary over nine years on the board of directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, and the couple worked to support the VA hospital, Angel Air, the United Way, and the Miles Perret Center, among many other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Missy and Kenny Hix were committed Catholics and they lived their lives devoted to their faith, each other, their dear sons and family, and their Acadiana community, and their contributions to the lives of those in their community will serve as a testament to the way they lived their lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the tragic deaths of Missy and Kenny Hix of Lafayette, Louisiana, who died together in a plane crash with their good friends, Pauline and Philip Ackel of Natchitoches, Louisiana, near Hilltop Lakes, Texas, on September 20, 2020, a devastating loss for families, friends, and the communities of both couples.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Austin and Connor Hix, of Lafayette, Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE