

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATORS JOHNS, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Alfred A. "Buck" Bayhi.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the passing of Alfred A. "Buck" Bayhi on Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018, at age ninety-three, has been learned by the citizens of Louisiana and the members of the Louisiana Senate; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Bayhi was born in Port Allen, Louisiana, the seventh child born to Walter Charles Bayhi and Augusta D'Avignon Bayhi, and early in life he was required to assume the responsibility and care of his mother and younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, Alfred "Buck" Bayhi spent most of his adult life in Baton Rouge, retiring from Exxon, formerly Standard Oil of New Jersey, after thirty-six years of service; and

WHEREAS, all of his life, he had a passion for gardening, and after his retirement was able to focus his efforts on his greenhouse operations and large vegetable and rose gardens on Perkins Road; and

WHEREAS, during the last thirty-five years, he cultivated vegetables from seed to plant and many amateur gardeners bought produce from "Mr. Buck" and sought his knowledge and advice on gardening; and

WHEREAS, he was a humble man for whom faith and family were the centerpieces of his life and he was well known for his sense of humor and going out of his way to help others; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to his retirement, as long as Buck Bayhi was able to drive, he opened St. Aloysius Catholic Church every morning for 6 a.m. daily Mass and 7 a.m. Mass on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, he instilled in his five children the importance of hard work, education, faith in God, and love for family; and

WHEREAS, Alfred A. "Buck" Bayhi was predeceased by his parents, three sisters, and five brothers; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Margaret Farris Bayhi; a daughter Jane Bayhi Wood (Mitchell); four sons, Walter George Bayhi, William Richard Bayhi (Frieda), Alfred Dennis Bayhi (Lynne), and the Rev. M. Jeffrey Bayhi; eight grandchildren, Matthew Bayhi (Amanda), Jennifer Bayhi Gennaro (Michael), Adrienne Wood, and Adam Wood; Dennis Michael Bayhi, Rebecca Bayhi, Lauren Bayhi Ledet (Patrick), and Michelle Bayhi; and six great-grandchildren, Max and Lucy Gennaro, Katy, Brady, and Briggs Bayhi, and William Ledet; and

WHEREAS, a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and dear friend, Alfred A. "Buck" Bayhi will be forever remembered for his integrity, faith, and the joy he left in the hearts of all he knew; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon people like Alfred A. "Buck" Bayhi.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana extends sincere condolences to the family of Alfred A. "Buck" Bayhi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Alfred "Buck" Bayhi.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE