

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATORS TARVER, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, DONAHUE, ERDEY, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PRICE, RISER, JOHN SMITH, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WARD

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Shreveport businessman, Gus Mijalis, who was an influential force in local and state politics during the last half of the Twentieth Century.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of this man of such great wit and fortitude, who lived his life to the fullest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, Gus Mijalis was a larger than life figure who possessed a quick smile and a lively demeanor; he was a vibrant man who never met a stranger; he was diligent and hard working with a gentle heart; and

WHEREAS, Gus was a true individual with a courageous spirit whose loyalty never wavered; he was the close personal friend of former Governor Edwin W. Edwards and many of the other "movers and shakers" in the state's political spectrum at that time; and

WHEREAS, he was a man of vision and he helped to spearhead funding for infrastructure and public works which resulted in extensive roadway development that encircled the city of Shreveport; those transportation improvements were a vital component in the economic expansion of local and regional commerce; and

WHEREAS, born June 11, 1934, to parents Sam Alex and Evangeline Mijalis, Gus attended public school and later graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, Gus Mijalis was involved in several enterprises that experienced steady growth and in 1997, he joined the family-owned business, Farmer's Seafood Company, Inc.; and in 2018, the company proudly marked its one hundredth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, handing the reins over to his nephew, John Mijalis, Gus did not take retirement too seriously, he still worked five or six days a week without much thought of retirement; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2018, surrounded by loved ones, Gus Mijalis passed from this life to his eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Gus Mijalis has left an indelible mark on the Ark-La-Tex region and whether his fortunes were "boom or bust", he always faced life with a smile; and

WHEREAS, Gus Mijalis met the challenges of life head-on with zeal and candor tempered with an immense love of family.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere condolences upon the passing of Gus Mijalis, Shreveport businessman and political dynamo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Gus Mijalis.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE