

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former Louisiana State Senator, the Honorable James David Cain, to acknowledge his commitment, his many contributions, and his legacy of public service that he leaves to the people of his community, the state of Louisiana, and the nation.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that the Senate of Louisiana has learned of the passing from this life of former Louisiana State Senator, James David Cain, on May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cain was first elected to the Louisiana Senate from District 30 in 1991 and was reelected for four terms until his retirement from the senate in 2008; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Louisiana Senate, James David Cain was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1971, and during his twenty years of service in that chamber, he introduced the first bill regulating hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty years of service in the Louisiana House of Representatives, he formed and served as chairman of both the Rural Caucus and the Independent Caucus and both caucuses are still prominent in the House of Representatives today; and

WHEREAS, James David Cain was born in Pitkin, Louisiana in Vernon Parish on October 13, 1938, graduated from Pitkin High School, and was the first student from Pitkin to attend college on a basketball scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cain graduated from McNeese State University with a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and lettered as a part of the Cowboy Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cain served in the United States Army from 1958-1960 after

graduating from college; and

WHEREAS, he was a teacher and basketball coach at East Beauregard High School, being named Coach of the Year twice for the state of Louisiana, and was inducted into the Louisiana High School Coaches Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he has traveled the state, giving approximately fifty speeches a year educating our citizens on water issues, the need to repeal the Stelly income tax hike, and the need to reform the state's insurance climate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Cain is one of the most outspoken legislators and even holds the record for the longest filibuster which lasted fourteen hours; and

WHEREAS, he has served as chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, and the Senate Agriculture Committee and also represented the legislature on the Executive Committee for the Louisiana High School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Renee Cole Cain; children, U.S. District Court Judge James David Cain Jr. (Angie Madere Cain); daughter Melissa Cain Milnor; stepson, Joe Guglielmo; stepdaughter, Angie Guglielmo; four grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of former Louisiana Senator James David Cain, father, grandfather, friend, legislator, and community leader who set an extraordinary standard of humor and good citizenship for all to emulate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Renee Cole Cain.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE