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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Father Patrick Joseph "Pat" Mascarella

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of Father Patrick
3	Joseph "Pat" Mascarella.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5	Louisiana Legislature have learned of the death of Father Patrick Joseph Mascarella on
6	January 24, 2019; and
7	WHEREAS, Father Pat Mascarella felt the call of God at a young age, and by the
8	eighth grade, he entered St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, Louisiana; he continued at St.
9	Joseph until he transferred to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans in 1961, where he
10	completed his education and training; Father Pat was ordained on December 17, 1966; and
11	WHEREAS, Father Pat was appointed to serve in many parishes in the Diocese of
12	Baton Rouge, including St. Charles Borromeo, St. Therese of Avila, Our Lady of Mercy, St.
13	Isidore the Farmer, Christ the King, St. George, and St. John the Baptist; Father Pat made
14	an indelible impression on many parishioners and lifelong friends at each parish he served;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, vision problems had always plagued Father Pat; he took a sabbatical to
17	attend the Lafayette School for the Blind, where he learned Braille; as his eyesight declined
18	further, his new guide and companion, Pace, a beautiful yellow lab, helped provide Father
19	Pat an independence he was not willing to give up; and

1	WHEREAS, despite his blindness, in 2016, Father Pat earned a master's degree in
2	religious studies from Louisiana State University; his master's program included art classes,
3	and he was known to use his art for spiritual focus in his homilies; and
4	WHEREAS, Father Pat was committed to advocating on behalf of people with
5	disabilities; he served on the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council for one six-year term; with
6	Pace by his side, he often testified in committee meetings at the state capitol, providing
7	impassioned testimony and a voice for people with disabilities; and
8	WHEREAS, Father Patrick Joseph Mascarella is survived by his siblings, Lucian
9	Mascarella, and his wife Wilma, Tom Mascarella, and his wife Pat, and Marion Mascarella;
10	his sisters-in-law, Joyce Mascarella and Hazel Mascarella; and many nieces, nephews, great-
11	nieces, and great-nephews.
12	WHEREAS, Father Pat Mascarella possessed a special wisdom derived from both
13	study and experience and will be missed by so many throughout the Baton Rouge area.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Father Joseph Patrick "Pat"
16	Mascarella and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions and
17	achievements, which will forever be remembered and continue to be a source of pride and
18	honor for his family and friends, his church, and the state of Louisiana.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20	family of Father Patrick Joseph "Pat" Mascarella.

DIGEST

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