

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James Barrett Benton, Baton Rouge attorney and devoted family man.

WHEREAS, James Barrett Benton died on August 26, 2017, at the age of fifty-five; and

WHEREAS, James Barrett Benton was born on February 23, 1962, to Thomas H. Benton and Neva "Bootsie" Benton in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was the third of six children born to the couple; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Benton's mother, Neva, died while he was still a child, and in 1973 his father married Jodie Fulton Odom, and Barrett became the fifth of ten children, a raucous and lively bunch; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benton attended Louisiana State University, graduated in 1984, and, like his father and grandfather before him, received a Juris Doctor from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Benton was briefly counsel to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations of the Louisiana House of Representatives before joining his father at the law firm of Benton, Benton & Associates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benton met his wife, Nadine Frick, while both were students at Louisiana State University and volunteering with Young Life, a faith-based organization on campus; and

WHEREAS, three daughters and one son were born to Barrett Benton and Nadine, and two grandchildren are expected in the near future; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Benton lived a full life filled with family, good friends, traveling, dancing, storytelling, and making people laugh and, at his core, he was a Christian deeply rooted in his faith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Benton was a warm and loving person who opened his heart easily to those who sought his attention, and his friendships were many; and

WHEREAS, Barrett Benton is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Nadine, and their children: daughters, Jessica Benton Milburn, Julia Benton Bueche, Emma Elizabeth Benton, and son, Michael Benton; and

WHEREAS, James Barrett Benton's life might have been shorter in length than those who loved him would have liked, but he lived abundantly and left a legacy of caring, loving, and faith for all those who knew and loved him to cherish, and there is no greater tribute.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its sincere condolences upon the death of Baton Rouge attorney and devoted family man, James Barrett Benton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Nadine Frick Benton.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES