

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of former state representative, Eddie A. Doucet.

WHEREAS, it is with sadness that the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Eddie Alvan Doucet, former state representative; and

WHEREAS, he was born on September 3, 1924, attended Orleans and Jefferson parish schools, graduating from Jefferson High School, and attended Clemson College and Tulane University Night Division; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Doucet served his country in the United States Air Force, Army Engineers, field artillery, during World War II, from 1943-1946; and

WHEREAS, he first married Bettie Hofsteater who predeceased him, and then wed Fay Doucet, who survives him, along with their daughter, Marla D. Corpora; their son, David E. Doucet; and a stepson, Jack H. Crawford, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Doucet was first and foremost a businessman beginning with selling farm implements and later moving into the construction, real estate, and travel agency businesses; and

WHEREAS, he was an active member and officer in many organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, the Jefferson Rod and Gun Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Jefferson Board of Realtors, and the Greater New Orleans Homebuilders Association; and

WHEREAS, Eddie A. Doucet began his political career as a Democrat winning election to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1972 as the representative from District No. 78, comprising of the Harahan and River Ridge areas in Jefferson Parish, and

was reelected for three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, in July 1986, with a picture of President Ronald Reagan displayed behind him, Eddie Doucet announced his switch to the Republican Party, but lost his bid for reelection in 1987; and

WHEREAS, during his four terms in the legislature, Eddie Doucet served as vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and was a member of the House Commerce Committee where he chaired the oversight committee; and

WHEREAS, as a legislator, he worked hard to provide adequate laws and protective services for victims of family violence and was a strong advocate for the elderly which resulted in the establishment of the office of elderly affairs in the governor's office transferring it from the Department of Health and Human Resources; securing the old VFW Building in Harahan and its renovation in 1980; and spearheading funding for a senior citizens center in Harahan; and

WHEREAS, he also sponsored legislation to authorize 911 for Jefferson Parish; was a leading supporter of the Jefferson Port Authority; worked for public works to assist drainage and sewerage treatment in the parish; and reapportioned horse racing proceeds from the Jefferson Parish track to the office of state parks to be used for Lafitte State Park; and

WHEREAS, he supported the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, including the redesignation of the office of cultural development; consistently supported funding of Audubon Park and New Orleans City Park; was an advocate of increased tourist trade; and sponsored the act which authorized trade shows to operate in hotels and convention centers; and

WHEREAS, following his service in the legislature, he continued in state public service as executive director of the state Licensing Board for Contractors; and

WHEREAS, whether as a member of armed forces in the service of this nation, as an elected representative of District No. 78 in the Louisiana House of Representatives, as a public servant, as a businessman, or as a citizen in his local community, Eddie Doucet exemplified those traits which help make our state and our nation strong - commitment, dedication to the task at hand, and awareness of and compassion for those in need - and his accomplishments and service will long be remembered.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its condolences to the family of Eddie A. Doucet and does hereby recollect his many years of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the family of Eddie A. Doucet.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE