

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVES TALBOT, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of former state representative Eddie Doucet.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of their friend and former colleague, Eddie Doucet, on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doucet was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and attended Jefferson High School, where he played football; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Doucet served with great fortitude in the United States Army's 1567th Engineer Depot Company; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from military service, Mr. Doucet established a successful construction business and owned a hardware store with his younger brother, Earl; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, Mr. Doucet met his future wife, Fay Doucet, through his association with a cadre of good-government lawmakers who helped shut down the Board of Highways, the government agency where Mrs. Doucet worked as an executive secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doucet dated Fay Doucet for nine years before marrying her in 1987; and

WHEREAS, upon his election to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1972, where he served until 1988, Mr. Doucet used every opportunity as an able and productive legislator to serve his constituency in District Number Seventy-Eight and the citizens of the state of Louisiana in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, as a state representative, Mr. Doucet steadfastly endeavored to improve the welfare of the citizens of Louisiana and served on numerous committees, including the House Committee on Commerce, the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Appropriations, of which he served as vice-chairman; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state representative, Mr. Doucet tended to the social and consumer concerns of his constituents, authored measures to fund programs for the elderly and victims of family violence, assisted in the development of culture and tourism throughout the state, and sought to open competition for regulated occupations; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Doucet was particularly dedicated to his constituents in Jefferson Parish as a leading proponent of the Jefferson Port Authority and Lafitte State Park; and

WHEREAS, after giving up his seat in 1988, Mr. Doucet continued working closely with the legislature as executive director of the State of Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his public service career, Mr. Doucet was active with many local boards, commissions, and civic groups, including the American Legion, the Greater New Orleans Italian Cultural Society, the Jefferson Rod and Gun Club, Jefferson Beautification Inc., Colonial Country Club, and the Jefferson Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doucet is survived by his wife, Fay Doucet; his daughter, Marla Corpora; his son, David Doucet; his stepson, Jack Crawford; and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the death of Eddie Doucet has left a great void and created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, including the members of the House family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served his state and this institution so well; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Doucet leaves behind a rich and unique legacy and is greatly missed by all whose lives he touched through his commitment to public service and his dedication to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of former state representative Eddie Doucet, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and singular contributions during his sixteen-year tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family, the community of Jefferson Parish, the citizens of the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES