

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, upon the death of Wade Luke Ledet, Ed. D.

WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow and sadness that the citizens of Louisiana, have learned of the death of Wade Luke Ledet, Ed. D.; and

WHEREAS, Wade Luke Ledet, a native of Larose, Louisiana, was born on May 10, 1933, to Sylves and Eliza Ledet; and

WHEREAS, he attended and graduated from Larose-Cut Off High School in 1952; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, he honored his state and country by enlisting and serving in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Wade Luke Ledet furthered his education by obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies Education from Nicholls State University in 1959, a Master of Education degree in Guidance and Psychology from Northwestern in 1964, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Mississippi in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ledet had a long and distinguished career in education, teaching in the Lafourche Parish schools and at Nicholls State University, retiring as the Dean of University College and Professor of Counselor Education in 1989; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Dr. Ledet was appointed the director of the Job Link Center at Nicholls State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ledet was a progressive voice for education in Louisiana as he dedicated his time and efforts championing causes of retired teachers throughout the state, serving as the president of the Lafourche Retired Teachers Association, the president of District II of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, the first vice president of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, and as the president of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Thibodaux, Louisiana, and was former deputy grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 3150; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving, devoted, and dedicated husband of fifty-four years to his loving wife Alice, a cherished and committed brother, uncle, relative, and friend whose love of family was of utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary man clearly demonstrated during his life his dedication to his job, community, family, state, and his country; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments in public and private life reflected his bravery, heroism, compassion, and commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, upon his sudden and unexpected death on March 19, 2008, the world lost a unique individual who left an indelible mark upon his community and the lives of all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, as we seek to offer his family whatever comfort we can, we want them to know that their fellow citizens are aware of their loss, and desire to commend Dr. Wade L. Ledet on his commitment to education in Louisiana, and extend Louisiana's most sincere condolences; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure on men like Dr. Ledet.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana honors Wade Luke Ledet, Ed. D., pays tribute to his remarkable legacy, and offers their sincere condolences to his family, on behalf of all the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Alice R. Ledet.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE