

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the heartfelt and sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of educator and community leader Ralph Wimberly Moore.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the death of Ralph W. Moore, who died on May 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ralph W. Moore was born in Ringgold, Louisiana, on September 2, 1922 to Ed and Vera Clements Moore; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was a graduate of Castor High School in 1941, and was a strong believer in life-long education; and

WHEREAS, he served his state and his country when he was drafted into the Army Air Corp during WWII, as a member of a B-24 Bomber Crew flying forty missions over the Philippine Islands, China and Japan, earning him a Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medals for his heroic service and bravery in combat, and was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant, in 1945; and

WHEREAS, he entered college under the GI Bill, and graduated from Southwestern Louisiana Institute in 1949; and

WHEREAS, he and his family then moved to Oak Grove, Louisiana, where he taught vocational agriculture at Oak Grove High School for twenty years, served as principal for seven years, as Director of Lake Providence Vo-Tech School for eight years, and as Assistant Director of Tallulah Technical Institute for six years; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving, devoted and dedicated husband, a cherished father, grandfather, great-grandfather, relative and friend whose love of God, family and friends was of the utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of First Baptist Church of Oak Grove where he once served as Sunday School Superintendent, as well as on various committees and boards throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in organizing Little League Boys Baseball in Oak Grove, serving as president for years; he was a member of the American Legion and the V.F.W. even coaching the American Legion Baseball Team; and was a member of the Oak Grove Lions Club for fifteen years serving as secretary and president; and

WHEREAS, Ralph W. Moore was an avid golfer and he was most proud of the opportunity and accomplishment of being able to help design and oversee the construction of Ruffin Golf Course in Oak Grove, and he was also a member of the Lake Providence Country Club, serving on the board of directors and as president; and

WHEREAS, Ralph W. Moore advised, taught, coached, motivated and made a difference in the lives of countless young people who went on to pursue their dreams by becoming politicians, doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, farmers, business owners, and other productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, upon his death, Louisiana lost a pillar of the community, as well as a unique person who left an indelible mark on the lives of all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in education and the community, the death of Ralph W. Moore has left a void in Louisiana and has created a genuine sense of profound sorrow among his family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana acknowledges with gratitude the outstanding service and many accomplishments of Ralph W. Moore, and extends sincere regrets and condolences to his family on the occasion of his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Aubyn Jean Moore, and his daughter, Cecille Bradley.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES