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Regular Session, 1999

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR HAINKEL

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CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Leonell Wilkes Clausen.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3	death of Leonell Wilkes Clausen, mother, grandmother, sister, manager,
4	civic leader, bus driver, justice of the peace, and friend.
5	WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the citizens of Louisiana have
6	learned of the death of Leonell Wilkes Clausen, a native of Louisiana who had
7	a long and distinguished career of service to her community, Louisiana, and
8	its people; and
9	WHEREAS, Nell Clausen, "Mama Nell", was a loving and dedicated
10	mother, and a committed grandmother whose love of family was of utmost
11	importance in her life; and
12	WHEREAS, throughout her life she was a dedicated citizen of
13	Louisiana, who worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, political,
14	charitable, and religious causes; and
15	WHEREAS, Nell Clausen was most commonly known as an advocate
16	for the under-represented; and

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WHEREAS, Sidney, her trusty golden retriever, and "Mama Nell" traveled to remote areas of St. Mary Parish to deliver food and much needed services to those without transportation, in addition she was responsible for contacting Baton Rouge and Washington to obtain the needed resources for her parish and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Nell Clausen managed a credit bureau, drove a school bus, started and worked in a school for the handicapped named Center of Hope, served in the elected position of justice of the peace, attended Nicholls State University so she could "keep up", with the kids, and raised a son, daughter, and a foster child; and

WHEREAS, because of her numerous accomplishments, Leonell Wilkes Clausen, "Mama Nell", will forever be remembered by the people and friends of Louisiana for her integrity, dignity, generosity, and the joy she left in the hearts of all who knew her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana acknowledges with gratitude the many outstanding services and accomplishments of Leonell Wilkes Clausen and extends sincere regrets and condolences to her family on the occasion of her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sally Clausen, Tom Clausen, and Kenneth Gray.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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