

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR MOUNT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Dr. George Middleton, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is with great sorrow and sadness that the legislature and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the death of Dr. George Middleton, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, George Middleton, Jr. was born on February 26, 1923, in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Birmingham-Southern College in 1948, his Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama in 1951, and his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Pennsylvania State University in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton served as a professor of special education and then psychology at McNeese State University from 1958 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 during his time at McNeese, Dr. Middleton founded the Summer Enrichment Program for gifted students, which later became a statewide program, the Governor's Program for Gifted Children, for which Dr. Middleton served as the director from its inception in 1964 until his death; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a psychological consultant to the Calcasieu Parish School Board and the Charter Hospital, in addition to conducting a private practice in clinical psychology and neuropsychology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton belonged to many professional societies and served as the president of the Louisiana Psychological Association from 1973 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George Middleton, Jr., had a long and distinguished career and was a progressive voice for psychology and education in Louisiana as he dedicated his time and efforts championing causes for gifted students throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving, devoted, and dedicated husband of fifty-four years to his loving wife Margaret "Jackie" MacLean Middleton, a cherished and committed uncle, relative, and friend whose love of family and friends and of his "gifties" 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, embodying his belief that we should all use our talents to improve ourselves, the lives of others, and the world; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments in public and private life reflected his bravery, compassion, and commitment to teaching others to dream the impossible; and

WHEREAS, upon his death on April 27, 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 we desire to commend Dr. George Middleton, Jr., on his commitment to psychology and education in Louisiana, and extend Louisiana's most sincere condolences.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana honors Dr. George Middleton, Jr., 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, Margaret "Jackie" MacLean Middleton.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES