

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVES HODGES AND SCHEXNAYDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Robert Eden Wolfe, Jr., for his numerous accomplishments and many acts of service to the citizens of Louisiana and beyond.

WHEREAS, born in 1955 in Nuremberg, Germany, Robert Eden Wolfe is the son of a career military officer; he was raised by his grandparents, and as a teenager, he served with the Bowie Fire Department in Maryland, residing in the firehouse during his last two years of high school; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Wolfe graduated from high school, he enlisted and served in the U.S. Army, and later, the Louisiana National Guard; thereafter, he moved to Gonzales, where he served in the police department; he was recognized several times as Gonzales Police Officer of the Year, and he was also honored by the Louisiana chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; and

WHEREAS, he retired from the police department after a robust twenty-five-year career and moved to Tennessee, where he served as a volunteer firefighter from 2008 to 2012; in 2012 he returned to Louisiana and brought his vast experience and knowledge to the Louisiana office of state fire marshal, where he led the successful revitalization of the agency's Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and insight were invaluable in the reorganization of the Urban Search and Rescue program; his knowledge and expertise especially apparent in the deployment of emergency assistance in response to natural disasters in Louisiana in 2016, in Texas in 2017, and in Florida and South Carolina in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfe announced his second retirement in the fall of 2018; he will be sorely missed by many; and

WHEREAS, a recent diagnosis of small cell lung cancer has given Robert Eden Wolfe, Jr., a new fight to take on, which he will do with the support of his loving wife, Valynn, and his family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Robert Eden Wolfe, Jr., for his numerous accomplishments and many acts of service to the citizens of Louisiana and beyond; does hereby express deep appreciation for the professional and selfless manner in which he served the citizens of the state of Louisiana and the United States; and does hereby offer its collective prayer for him in his battle against cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Robert Eden Wolfe, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE