

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVES JAMES, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JOHNSON, JONES, JORDAN, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MARINO, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THOMAS, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office who was killed in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson, a truly exceptional law enforcement officer and citizen, on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the age of forty-three; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson, who was killed in the line of duty as a sergeant with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, performed his responsibilities in an outstanding fashion, and it is fitting to pay tribute to him for his faithful service and ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Anderson was the loving husband of Becky Davis Anderson and the proud father of two children, Delaney Grace and Breland Thomas Anderson; and

WHEREAS, a 1992 graduate of Baker High School, where he played on the baseball team, Shawn Anderson served for three years in the United States Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was assigned to Multiple Launch Rocket Systems; and

WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge from the Army, Shawn returned to Baton Rouge, and in May of 1999, he began his long and highly productive career with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, first serving at the parish prison and going on to serve in various divisions, including narcotics, the emergency services unit, and the maritime response team; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson transferred to the canine division and became a master handler and trainer; and

WHEREAS, working uniform patrol, Sergeant Anderson served the Burbank, Scotlandville, and Kleinpeter Substations, and he was also a member of the SWAT team for eleven years, serving courageously as a breacher; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson distinguished himself as a model of excellence and was recognized with numerous awards and honors, including the Life Saving Award in 2010 for saving the life of a woman on the old Mississippi River Bridge; recognition in 2014 for serving more than sixty high-risk warrants the previous year with SWAT with no injuries or shots fired; and recognition in March of 2016 for safely delivering a baby boy whose parents had pulled over in their vehicle en route to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, with steadfast diligence and dedication, Sergeant Anderson was fair and honest in his work, and he displayed his innate goodness and strength of character through his everyday actions, making him widely respected and admired by his peers and by the citizens he encountered on the job; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson was an avid LSU fan and enjoyed hunting in his spare time but above all was a devoted family man who loved being with his family and friends and most especially cheering from the sidelines at his children's sporting activities; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson is survived by his wife, Becky Davis Anderson, and their two children, Delaney Grace Anderson and Breland Thomas Anderson; his mother, Carol Anderson Bergeron; his brother, Jackie Anderson, and his wife Stefanie Anderson; his brother, Dustin Martin; his sisters, Debbie Anderson, Paula Ledford, Renee Anderson, and

Kristin Martin; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Joan Davis; his sister-in-law, Tammy Davis Conrad, and her husband Richard T. Conrad III; numerous nieces and nephews; countless friends, including his very special friends, Les and Pat Rainey; and his East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office family; he was preceded in death by his father, Jack Anderson; and

WHEREAS, the death of Shawn Anderson leaves an unspeakable emptiness in the hearts of his family members and friends, who may find comfort in the knowledge that he lived his life according to deeply held principles and that his enduring legacy will continue to be an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson also will be mourned and sorely missed by those who had the honor of serving with him and who will always remember him as a selfless brother and cherished friend; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson upheld the traditions of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for nearly eighteen years of superb service and brought honor to his family, his friends, his community, his state, and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Anderson was an extraordinary public servant whose helpful and heroic actions in serving and protecting his fellow citizens routinely went far above and beyond the call of duty and whose singular contributions have left an indelible mark on the hearts of the people of East Baton Rouge Parish and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the death of Sergeant Shawn Anderson has created a tremendous void in his community and a genuine sense of shock and sorrow in the many citizens whose lives he touched, all of whom mourn the loss of the friendly nature, bright mind, and kind and generous spirit of this beloved man whose memory shall forever remain a source of deep pride for all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson; does hereby recognize his exemplary service as a sergeant with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; does hereby record for posterity his steadfast adherence to the highest standards of valor and integrity; does hereby acknowledge with profound gratitude the bravery of this extraordinary man who gave his life in the service of others; and does hereby extend deepest regret upon the loss of this wonderful individual who will forever be

remembered for his service to his fellow citizens, the parish of East Baton Rouge, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE