

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Captain Wallace August Bailey, Sr., of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of retired New Orleans Fire Department Captain Wallace A. Bailey, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the 1932 Mardi Gras day was an especially joyful one for August A. Bailey, Sr., and Alma Amelia Bailey as they welcomed their newborn, Wallace August Bailey, to the world on February 9, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bailey admirably answered the call of his country to serve on the battlefield, completing a tour of duty during the Korean conflict and, heeding the call of service at home, he joined the New Orleans Fire Department in 1957; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Fire Department made good use of the knowledge and expertise of Captain Bailey for more than thirty years, and he received the New Orleans Fire Department Superintendent's Award and was a charter member of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 632, and remained a member for more than fifty years, serving as executive vice president in the organization; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bailey represented his local union as a delegate to conventions of the IAFF, the Professional Fire Fighters of Louisiana, the Louisiana American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), and the Greater New Orleans AFL–CIO; and

WHEREAS, delegates to the 2012 IAFF 14th District Caucus, which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee fire fighters, acknowledged the decades of work performed by Captain Bailey on behalf of fire fighters and expressed their appreciation for his work by bestowing upon him the first ever IAFF 14th District Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, when Captain Bailey retired from the New Orleans Fire Department, his drive for service to his fellow man did not lessen; he was a trustee and trustee emeritus of the New Orleans Fire Fighters Pension and Relief Fund, president of the Police and Firemen Holy Name Society, chairman of the New Orleans Fire Fighters' Building Corporation, and he and his wife, Jewel, coordinated the annual Local 632 Christmas party which provides special needs children at Saint Michael's Special School in New Orleans with toys, food, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bailey provided his expertise to organizations outside of the fire fighting field by serving as a trustee of the New Orleans Board of City Trust; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2013, at the age of eighty-one, Captain Bailey answered an unexpected call to a higher place of service, and his departure has left an emptiness in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved him, among them his wife, Jewel Kabel Bailey; his children, Wanda Morel and husband Ralph, Joan, Theresa, and Wallace A. Bailey, Jr.; his brother, August A. Bailey, Jr.; his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the fire fighters of the city of New Orleans and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana do hereby express their sincere and most heartfelt sympathies upon the death of Captain Wallace A. Bailey, Sr., do hereby acknowledge the good works of his life in the service and protection of the people of New Orleans, and do hereby extend their condolences to the family as they mourn the loss of one who spent his time on Earth in the service of many.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Jewel Bailey.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE