

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMAN, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONToucET, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS MORRISH AND MOUNT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Senior Trooper Duane Allen Dalton of the Louisiana State Police.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the untimely death of Senior Trooper Duane Allen Dalton of the Louisiana State Police, a truly exceptional law enforcement officer and citizen, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at the age of thirty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton died as the result of a traffic accident while on duty; and

WHEREAS, born on November 23, 1971, in Radford, Virginia, Trooper Dalton was a 1989 graduate of Pulaski County High School and later earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Sowela Technical Community College; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton served his country with great pride and valor for three years as a combat engineer in the United States Army, and he received numerous awards and medals for his service; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Moss Bluff, Trooper Dalton came to Louisiana while serving in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton served with great distinction in the Patrol Division of the Lake Charles Police Department from 1993 until 1995; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 1995, Trooper Dalton joined the Louisiana State Police, where he served for eight years with the Troop D Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton transferred to the Gaming Division at the Coushatta Casino, where he served for five years before transferring back to the Patrol Division in November of 2008; and

WHEREAS, widely respected and admired, Trooper Dalton received numerous awards and honors for the work he did in his community and for his help during both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, because of his unwavering dedication and exemplary service, Trooper Dalton was named Trooper of the Year in 1999 by the American Legion Post 1; and

WHEREAS, in his leisure time, Trooper Dalton was an avid hunter, fisherman, and LSU football fan; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton was a loving and devoted husband and father to his wife of sixteen years, Charissa Benoit Dalton, and his sons, Tyler, Nicholas, and Jacob Dalton; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton was very active in his sons' lives, serving as the coach of various local youth athletic programs and volunteering as a Cub Scout den leader; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton is survived by his wife, Charissa Benoit Dalton; sons, Tyler, Nicholas, and Jacob Dalton; parents, Sonny and Connie Dalton; brother, Doug Dalton; sister, Michelle Stanley; nieces and nephews, Sidney, Caila, Demi, and Dylan; and an array of extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sid and Martha Dalton and Roby and Pauline Dickerson; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dalton was an extraordinary public servant whose helpful and heroic actions routinely went far above and beyond the call of duty and whose singular contributions and outstanding accomplishments have left an indelible mark on the lives of the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected death of Trooper Dalton has created a tremendous void in his community and a genuine sense of shock and sorrow in the many citizens whose lives

he touched, who mourn the loss of the friendly nature, bright mind, and kind and generous spirit of this wonderful individual who served his fellow citizens so long and so well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Senior Trooper Duane Allen Dalton of the Louisiana State Police, does hereby recognize and record his many years of highly effective and productive service to the state of Louisiana, does hereby acknowledge and chronicle for posterity his steadfast adherence to the highest standards of honesty and integrity, and does hereby extend deepest regret upon the loss of this most cherished gentleman whose legacy shall forever remain a source of tremendous pride, joy, and honor in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Senior Trooper Duane Dalton.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE