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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Charles Alois "Chuck" Gruber

A RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Charles Alois
3	"Chuck" Gruber.
4	WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5	Representatives has learned of the death, on April 26, 2021, of Charles Alois "Chuck"
6	Gruber; and
7	WHEREAS, Chuck was born on March 24, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois, to Florian and
8	Millicent Gruber; he served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968
9	during the Vietnam War; and
10	WHEREAS, upon completion of his military duties, Chuck began what would
11	become a prestigious career in law enforcement; after serving eight years as a police officer
12	in Addison, Illinois, he served as police chief in several cities: Quincy, Illinois (1976-1986),
13	Shreveport, Louisiana (1987-1990), Elgin, Illinois (1990-1998), and South Barrington,
14	Illinois (1999-2008); and
15	WHEREAS, in total, Mr. Gruber served in law enforcement for four decades with
16	thirty-two of those years as a chief of police; he was president of the International
17	Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; and
18	WHEREAS, Chuck worked as a consultant and expert witness for law enforcement
19	issues at the local, regional, and national levels; he was retained by the United States
20	Department of Justice Civil Rights Division to investigate alleged pattern and practice
21	abuses in law enforcement in states across the country; he also consulted on a variety of

1 policing issues including the use of excessive force, policy development, implementation, 2 and compliance monitoring; and 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gruber most recently served as a police practices co-coordinator 4 to monitor compliance with the consent decree between the U.S. Department of Justice and 5 the Virgin Islands Government which required reform of the police practices of the Virgin 6 Islands Police Department; and 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gruber earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's 8 degree in social justice administration; he was a graduate of the Federal Bureau of 9 Investigation National Academy, Law Enforcement Executive Development, the National 10 Executive Institute, and the University of Louisville Administration Officers Course, 11 Southern Police Institute; he had also recently certification as a Just Culture Champion; and 12 WHEREAS, Chuck was in receipt of numerous awards and accolades for his truly impressive career in law enforcement; while serving as Shreveport chief of police, he 13 14 received the Paul Lynch Award for his contribution to the advancement of the city's civil 15 rights movement; and 16 WHEREAS, Chuck leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of fifty-one years, 17 Linda Gruber; his children, Daniel Gruber, Gini Shahzada, and her husband Zain, and 18 Kenneth; his granddaughters, Alexis, Gisele, and Scarlett; his siblings, Ellen Grinstead, and 19 her husband Steve, Steven, and his wife Gigi, Peter, and his wife Sue, and Suzanne; and a 20 host of extended family and friends; and 21 WHEREAS, Charles Alois "Chuck" Gruber was a truly inspiring individual who 22 served admirably as an model law enforcement professional; his impact and legacy will live 23 on forever, as will his memory. 24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Charles 26 Alois "Chuck" Gruber; does hereby recognize Chuck's many contributions to law 27 enforcement in our country and to society as a whole; and does hereby extend sincere hopes 28 that his family and friends find comfort during this difficult time. 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 30 family of Charles A. "Chuck" Gruber.

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