

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVES MAGEE, BACALA, HUGHES, JORDAN, LANDRY,  
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LEGISLATIVE POWERS: Provides relative to contempt of the Special Committee to  
Inquire into the Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To acknowledge, ratify, and confirm the holding of Kevin Reeves, retired Louisiana State  
3 Police Colonel, in contempt of the House of Representatives of the Louisiana  
4 Legislature by his direct contempt of the Special Committee to Inquire into the  
5 Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene.

6 WHEREAS, the Special Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and  
7 Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene is a duly created special committee of the  
8 Louisiana House of Representatives which was formed to investigate the facts and  
9 circumstances during and subsequent to the arrest and death of Ronald Greene; and

10 WHEREAS, at the time of the arrest and death of Ronald Greene on May 10, 2019,  
11 Kevin Reeves was superintendent of Louisiana State Police and served in that capacity until  
12 his retirement on October 30, 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, under Article III, Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution and House  
14 Rules 6.1 and 14.51, the Special Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and  
15 Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene is granted subpoena power, the power to  
16 administer oaths, and the power to punish for contempt; and

17 WHEREAS, after refusing to provide specific records requested by the committee,  
18 Kevin Reeves was commanded by subpoena dated April 19, 2022, to appear and produce by  
19 twelve o'clock p.m. on April 26, 2022, his written journals and similar documents; and

1           WHEREAS, the written journals and similar documents of Kevin Reeves requested  
2 in the subpoena are necessary to corroborate statements concerning his actions and the  
3 actions of other persons with respect to the investigation of the arrest and death of Ronald  
4 Greene; and

5           WHEREAS, the subpoena was served on Kevin Reeves' counsel of record, Lewis  
6 Unglesby, through Mr. Unglesby's assistant, Lisa Westmoland, on the afternoon of April 19,  
7 2022; and

8           WHEREAS, Kevin Reeves failed to appear and produce the requested documents as  
9 ordered by the committee by the deadline required by the subpoena; and

10          WHEREAS, the Special Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and  
11 Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene met on May 11, 2022, and voted to hold Kevin  
12 Reeves in direct contempt of the committee for his failure to appear and produce the  
13 documents as commanded by the committee pursuant to the subpoena; and

14          WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority to punish for contempt under Article III,  
15 Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution, the Special Committee to Inquire into the  
16 Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene also voted to recommend  
17 that the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature impose on Kevin Reeves a  
18 civil fine of five thousand dollars.

19          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Louisiana Legislature does hereby take cognizance of the aforementioned failure of Kevin  
21 Reeves to appear and produce the documents as commanded by the committee pursuant to  
22 the subpoena and does hereby acknowledge, ratify, and confirm the actions of the Special  
23 Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald  
24 Greene in voting to hold Kevin Reeves in direct contempt of the House of Representatives  
25 of the Louisiana Legislature by such failure to appear before and produce such documents  
26 to the committee and assessing the above mentioned penalties for the contemptuous actions.

27          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fine be paid to the clerk of the House of  
28 Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature within ten days of adoption of this Resolution  
29 by the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon failure to pay the fines within the  
2 aforementioned time, the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature, through the  
3 clerk of the House of Representatives or a member of the House of Representatives  
4 designated by the speaker, is authorized and instructed to take action by summary civil  
5 proceedings to collect the fines, court costs, and legal interest.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Kevin  
7 Reeves through his counsel of record.

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DIGEST

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Confirms the holding of Kevin Reeves in contempt of the Special Committee to Inquire into the Circumstances and Investigation of the Death of Ronald Greene and ratifies the penalties imposed by the committee.