

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 221

BY SENATOR CARTER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses the condolences upon the death of Oris Buckner III.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Oris Buckner III.

4 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the death of  
5 Oris Buckner III, a former New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) officer who testified  
6 in the notorious "Algiers 7" civil rights case, helping to convict three other detectives for  
7 brutalizing citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, the case involved the murder of fellow officer Gregory Neupert and the  
9 investigation tactics used by the NOPD in identifying and arresting suspects; and

10 WHEREAS, as the investigation progressed, Mr. Buckner found himself torn  
11 between loyalty to the NOPD and his fellow officers and his moral conscious; and

12 WHEREAS, despite awareness of what it would mean for him personally, in one of  
13 the most pivotal moments in his life, he honored his oath as a law enforcement officer to  
14 uphold the constitution and as a witness to testify honestly, and for his actions, he and his  
15 family paid a heavy price; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Buckner, whose own father had died in police custody, left New  
17 Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and became a criminal justice instructor at a college in  
18 Texas; and

1           WHEREAS, Oris Buckner IV said that for his father, "His work was tied up to his  
2 faith, and that's who he was. His life was walking with God and using what God had blessed  
3 him with to protect other people and try to do the right thing."

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
5 does hereby express its sincere condolences upon learning of the death of Oris Buckner III.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7 family of Oris Buckner III.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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