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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former Alexandria city marshal James Byrd

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former
3	Alexandria city marshal James Byrd.
4	WHEREAS, the legislature was saddened to learn of the death of former Alexandria
5	city marshal James Byrd on May 11, 2018, at the age of eighty-three; and
6	WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was raised in Philadelphia and joined the U.S. Air Force in
7	1954 at the age of nineteen; and
8	WHEREAS, from 1958 to 1966, he was stationed at England Air Force Base in
9	Alexandria, which is where he met his wife Margie; they were married in 1962; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd began working at the marshal's office in 1974; he was first
11	appointed city marshal in 1990, and after twenty-one years as marshal, he retired in 2011;
12	in addition to his law enforcement role, he was well-respected for his training of new
13	lawyers in city court; and
14	WHEREAS, while marshal, he founded the community Easter egg hunt, held at
15	Peabody Magnet High School, and the "Shop with a Cop" program, an annual Christmas
16	event where children from local families in need shop with law enforcement officers; and
17	WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was a prominent figure in Rapides Parish; he was known as
18	a kind, caring person who went out of his way for the community and was always giving of
19	himself; Mr. Byrd was beloved by every agency; and

1 WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his brother, Clark Gather, and a host of 2 friends, former colleagues, and protégés; and 3 WHEREAS, retired city marshal James Byrd was held in high esteem by all who 4 worked with him, and he will be greatly missed by the residents of Rapides Parish. 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 6 extend sincerest condolences upon the death of former Alexandria city marshal, James Byrd, 7 and does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever be a source of 8 great pride and honor for his family, friends, and former colleagues, the city of Alexandria, 9 Rapides Parish, and the state of Louisiana. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 11 to the family of James Byrd.

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