

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATOR MCMATH

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Sergeant Grant Candies.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Sergeant Grant Candies.

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Grant Candies was killed in the line of duty while attempting  
5 to deploy spike strips on Interstate 10 near the Oak Harbor exit in Slidell, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, the perpetrator was fleeing from a pursuit and struck him, taking the life  
7 of a husband, father, Marine, mentor, and true leader among his peers; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies was the kind of deputy every agency hopes to have;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he spent five years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps and  
11 three years on inactive duty, and carried that same dedication and discipline into his career  
12 in law enforcement when he joined the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office in 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, "leading from the front" is a principle he carried into his role as a field  
14 training officer in the Criminal Patrol Division; and

15 WHEREAS, to Sergeant Candies, training new deputies was not just about teaching  
16 tactics, but about shaping them into the kind of deputies who serve with integrity, courage,  
17 and compassion; and

18 WHEREAS, his path to law enforcement was one of fate and devotion to his family,

1 to his community, and to a calling greater than himself; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies was originally from Luling, and grew up watching his  
3 father serve with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for over thirty years; and

4 WHEREAS, though he once dreamed of becoming a Marine Corps pilot, meeting his  
5 wife, Courtney, at Southeastern Louisiana State University changed his trajectory; and

6 WHEREAS, love anchored Sergeant Candies in St. Tammany Parish, where he chose  
7 to serve and protect the place his family calls home; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies and Courtney built a beautiful life together, raising  
9 their two children, Brenna and Bryson, with the same values he carried every day, strength,  
10 kindness, and unwavering commitment; and

11 WHEREAS, whether he was teaching his kids how to hunt and fish, working on their  
12 small farm, or simply enjoying time together, Sergeant Candies was a fun and protective  
13 kind of dad and the kind who made sure his family knew they were loved beyond measure;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies never did his job for recognition, but his leadership  
16 spoke volumes; and

17 WHEREAS, he was named Deputy of the Year for 2023, and true to his humble  
18 nature, his response was simply "when my team succeeds, I have succeeded"; and

19 WHEREAS, he didn't care about titles or awards, but rather about people, about  
20 doing the right thing, and about making a difference.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Sergeant Grant Candies.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 family of Sergeant Grant Candies.

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