

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Sidney H. Cates, III.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 31, 2025, of Sidney H. Cates, III; and

WHEREAS, born on March 10, 1931, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Sidney H. Cates, III, dedicated his life to the service of his country and community; he was a proud United States Army veteran who served during the Korean War, and he carried the core values of discipline, duty, integrity, and honor throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Cates embarked on a distinguished career in law enforcement, joining the New Orleans Police Department in 1955; he possessed an unwavering commitment to justice and earned a series of monumental promotions over the course of his career, becoming the department's first African-American sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and deputy chief of police; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cates served during a challenging era of segregation and civil rights, earning the sincere respect of his colleagues and the community he faithfully served; he forged a legacy within the department and the city of New Orleans that endures as a symbol of progress, perseverance, and public service; and

WHEREAS, outside of his professional life, Mr. Cates was a devoted husband to his beloved wife of sixty-eight years, the late Betty Foster Cates, and a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; he was actively involved in civic and community affairs, and his affiliations included the New Orleans Housing Authority, Hibernia Bank, Harrah's

Casino-New Orleans, the Office of Attorney General William "Billy" Guste, Giarrusso Security Company, Townsmen Social & Pleasure Club, Original Illinois Social & Pleasure Club, Stud's Club Social and Pleasure, Fraternal Order of Police, and the Sugar Bowl Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sidney H. Cates, III, is survived by his children, Sidney Cates, IV (Ava), and Kim Cates Parker (Lionel); grandchildren, Sidney H. Cates, V (Catherine), Lauren Ann Warner (Rodney), Rebecca Parker, and Abigail Parker Lincoln (Jordan); and six great-grandchildren; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his service to the city of New Orleans shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Sidney H. Cates, III; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his incredible service to the New Orleans Police Department, the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES