

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR JENKINS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Kirby Shawn Dawsonl, Assistant Chief City Marshal.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 passing of Assistant Chief City Marshall, Kirby Shawn Dawson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep respect that the Louisiana Senate
5 honors the life and legacy of Assistant Chief City Marshal, Kirby Shawn Dawson of Caddo
6 Parish, a devoted public servant whose life was marked by integrity, compassion, and an
7 unwavering commitment to his community; and

8 WHEREAS, Kirby Shawn Dawson was born on May 28, 1971, to Otis and Sara
9 Dawson, and as a lifelong resident of Caddo Parish, he carried a deep love for his
10 community and a calling to serve others throughout his life; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife, Tasha Dawson, sharing over 28
12 years of love and partnership, and a proud and loving father to Chris, Loghan, and Shawn,
13 with his family serving as the foundation and greatest joy of his life; and

14 WHEREAS, a graduate of Huntington High School, Class of 1989, he continued his
15 education at Southern University and later earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice
16 from Wiley College, preparing for a life of service and leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Dawson began his law enforcement career with the
18 Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office in 2002, later joining the Shreveport City Marshal's Office in

1 2005, where he faithfully served for nearly two decades in various roles, including Court
2 Deputy, Outside Deputy, Court Supervisor, and ultimately Assistant Chief Deputy Marshal,
3 a position he earned through dedication, professionalism, and leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, he was known not only for his
5 leadership, but for his genuine care for people, earning the respect of colleagues and the trust
6 of the community he served; and

7 WHEREAS, he was widely known as a man who earned respect both in and out of
8 uniform, carrying himself with a quiet strength, authenticity, and consistency that made him
9 approachable, relatable, and deeply respected by all who encountered him; and

10 WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Dawson possessed a rare ability to balance discipline
11 with compassion, authority with humility, and leadership with approachability, making him
12 not only a respected officer, but a trusted mentor, role model, and friend to many; and

13 WHEREAS, one of his greatest passions was his work with the D.A.R.E. program,
14 where he held a leadership role across the state of Louisiana, dedicating himself to
15 mentoring and uplifting young people, and leaving a lasting impact through encouragement,
16 guidance, and service; and

17 WHEREAS, those who knew him best remember not just the badge he wore, but the
18 man behind it; steady, genuine, and always willing to listen, encourage, and stand in the gap
19 for others; and

20 WHEREAS, his presence brought a sense of calm, confidence, and reassurance, and
21 his ability to make others feel seen, heard, and valued is a legacy that will endure far beyond
22 his years of service; and

23 WHEREAS, his impact is perhaps best reflected in the words shared by City Marshal
24 Jefferson, who stated, "Thank you for being my friend. For listening, for encouragement, for
25 guidance, and for inspiration. You make everything better just by being in my life", a
26 testament to the character, friendship, and lasting influence of Assistant Chief Dawson; and

27 WHEREAS, beyond his service in law enforcement, he was a man of strong faith and
28 character, whose kindness, steady presence, and servant leadership touched countless lives;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, his passing on April 6, 2026, following a sudden medical emergency,

