

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of James David "Cowboy" Robertson.

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 April 2, 2026, of James David "Cowboy" Robertson; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy was born on January 31, 1946, to William Roy Robertson, Sr., and Josie Boyd Robertson; he was the youngest of six children and was raised in a close and loving family; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy was a lifelong resident of LaSalle Parish and a longtime member of Temple Baptist Church in Jena, Louisiana, where faith and fellowship became a central focus of his life; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy was a highly decorated United States Army veteran who served honorably during the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; rather than referring to himself as a hero, he shifted focus to the many soldiers who gave their lives in service to the country; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy was an active member of the Whatley-Flaherty Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5002; he co-founded the LaSalle Parish Veteran's Honor Guard with the assistance of fellow veterans J.W. Thomas, Ralph McCrory, and Willie "Sap" Tradewell; the organization, which is still in operation, provides military funeral services free of charge for all veterans, and it has conducted over one thousand military funerals; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy was a fixture at all military events in LaSalle Parish and played an instrumental role in starting Memorial Day services; he was also actively involved in Veterans Day and other patriotic events; and

WHEREAS, Cowboy was a deeply loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished his wife and children and took great pride in his family; he was known for his warm smile and kind spirit, and all who knew him considered him to be a beloved presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, James David "Cowboy" Robertson leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of fifty-six years, Carol Beagan Robertson; sons, Jamie "Cowboy, Jr." Robertson (Amie), Johnathan Robertson, and Jason Robertson (Rachel); sixteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his deep patriotism and service to his country shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of James David "Cowboy" Robertson; does hereby offer enduring appreciation for his unwavering dedication and military service to the United States; and does hereby extend sincere 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