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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 257

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MELERINE, AND WALTERS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the tragic loss of eight children in Shreveport, Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the tragic loss of eight
3 children in Shreveport, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the tragic passing, on
6 April 19, 2026, of Layla Pugh, Kayla Pugh, Shayla Elkins, Jayla Elkins, Sariah Snow,
7 Khedarrion Snow, Braylon Snow, and Mar'Kaydon Pugh; and

8 WHEREAS, Layla Pugh was a second-grade student at Linwood Public Charter
9 School; she was a quiet girl who always strived to do the right thing; she was a friend to
10 everyone and a constant help to her teachers and classmates; and

11 WHEREAS, Kayla Pugh was a first-grade student at Linwood Public Charter School;
12 although she was a soft-spoken child, her smile spoke louder than any words; she lit up
13 every room she entered and gave the biggest hugs when greeting her teachers and principal;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Shayla Elkins was a kindergarten student at Linwood Public Charter
16 School; she was soft spoken, had a quiet presence, and gave warm and welcoming hugs; and

17 WHEREAS, Jayla Elkins was a sweet child who was only three years old; and

18 WHEREAS, Sariah Snow was a fourth-grade student at Summer Grove Elementary
19 School; she was a friend to everyone she met, was not afraid of hard work, and gave her best

1 effort in all that she did; she was always excited to learn, had the most beautiful smile, and
2 showed kindness to students and teachers alike; and

3 WHEREAS, Khedarrion Snow was a kindergarten student at Summer Grove
4 Elementary School; he was a vibrant soul with a curious mind and fearless heart and had a
5 way of bringing a smile to anyone he met; he found joy in every moment and had a thirst for
6 adventure and desire to learn more about the world; he brought unique energy to every circle
7 he joined and cherished the time he spent with his friends and classmates; and

8 WHEREAS, Braylon Snow was a pre-kindergarten student at Johnnie Cochran Head
9 Start Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Mar'Kaydon Pugh was a fourth-grade student at Linwood Public
11 Charter School; he arrived at school with a Bible in hand each day and was passionate about
12 his faith; he frequently read his Bible during lunch or enrichment class, and poured his heart
13 into every hug that he gave; and

14 WHEREAS, although the children will be deeply missed, the memory of their spirits
15 shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved
16 them.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the loss of Layla
19 Pugh, Kayla Pugh, Shayla Elkins, Jayla Elkins, Sariah Snow, Khedarrion Snow, Braylon
20 Snow, and Mar'Kaydon Pugh and does hereby extend sincere wishes that their family,
21 friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of these eight beautiful angels.

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