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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 259

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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 death of the tragic loss
3 of eight 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 Sariah Snow, Khedarrion Snow, Braylon Snow, Layla Pugh, Kayla Pugh,
7 Shayla Elkins, Jayla Elkins, and Mar'Kaydon Pugh; and

8 WHEREAS, Sariah Snow was a fourth-grade student at Summer Grove Elementary
9 School; she was a friend to everyone she met, was not afraid of hard work, and gave her best
10 effort in all that she did; she was always excited to learn, had the most beautiful smile, and
11 showed kindness to students and teachers alike; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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