

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR HODGES

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Katherine "Katy" Wells.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Katherine "Katy" Wells.

4 WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep regret that the residents of
5 Louisiana, especially in Livingston Parish, learned of Katherine "Katy" Wells' transition
6 from earth's garden to heaven's garden at the age of seventy-four, so suddenly with no
7 chance to say good-bye; and

8 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2026, while working her last shift as a school crossing
9 guard at Gray's Creek Elementary, God called her home into His heavenly arms as she was
10 protecting and serving the community she so loved; and

11 WHEREAS, for almost forty years, Katy proudly served the Livingston Parish Public
12 School System and Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office in various capacities, including as a
13 crossing guard for Seventh Ward Elementary and Gray's Creek Elementary School in
14 Denham Springs; and

15 WHEREAS, Katy was a former paraeducator and computer lab manager at Seventh
16 Ward Elementary for thirty-six years and also worked as a YMCA manager; and

17 WHEREAS, Katy loved her jobs and the people she saw every day, and constantly
18 shared that love with generations of children, parents, bus drivers, teachers, and so many

1 others who came to know her as a steady presence directing traffic in the mornings and
2 evenings, and looking out for each and everyone's safety; and

3 WHEREAS, she was the beloved wife of Glen P. Wells for fifty-three years, and a
4 devoted, proud mother who loved her career, her family, her friends, and her community;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Katy enjoyed quiet time with her family, reading, working puzzles,
7 watching movies, and attending regular lunches and outings with her friends, known to each
8 other as "the Golden Girls"; and

9 WHEREAS, she is survived by her children; Lori (Scott) Browning, Chris Wells,
10 Craig Wells, Brandon Wells Davis Browning; sister Genny White; sister-in-law Paula Reese;
11 brother-in-law James Myler; granddaughter Chana (Brook) Giacone, and numerous nieces
12 and nephews; and

13 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband Glen P. Wells; son Michael
14 Wells; parents, George E. Reese and Lou Anna McPherson; sisters Joan Reese, Sue Myler,
15 and Natalie "Cooky" Reese; brother John "Buddy" Reese; and brother-in-law Roy White;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Katy was a symbol of care, safety, and selflessness every single day;
18 fulfilling her spiritual calling to protect the children, parents, and members of her
19 community. Although Katy's death has left a tremendous void, her memory shall live forever
20 in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved this remarkable soul.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Katherine "Katy"
23 Wells and extends enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that her
24 memories will forever bring to Livingston Parish and the state of Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 family of Katherine "Katy" Wells.

