

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Katy loved her jobs and the people she saw every day, and constantly shared that love with generations of children, parents, bus drivers, teachers, and so many others who came to know her as a steady presence directing traffic in the mornings and evenings, and looking out for each and everyone's safety; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE