

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the passing of Carroll Wade Shaddock Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of  
3 Louisiana upon the passing of Carroll Wade Shaddock Jr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great regret that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has  
5 learned of the passing of Carroll Wade Shaddock Jr. (Wade), a beloved husband, father,  
6 brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and respected leader, on November 27, 2025, at the  
7 age of ninety-two; and

8 WHEREAS, Wade's life was dedicated to public service, integrity, and an  
9 unwavering commitment to helping others; and

10 WHEREAS, he attended Lake Charles city schools and in May of 1952, enlisted in  
11 the United States Army, later graduating from the United States Military Academy at West  
12 Point in New York in 1957; and

13 WHEREAS, upon graduating from West Point, Wade was commissioned as a Second  
14 Lieutenant in the Army where he became an army ranger and a paratrooper; and

15 WHEREAS, he served two one-year tours in Vietnam, and other short tours in  
16 Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Greenland; and

17 WHEREAS, Wade's final career, completed at age eighty-nine, was at the H.C. Drew  
18 Estate, a nonprofit organization that provides educational grants to public and private

1 schools for college scholarships and to various other educational and nonprofit organizations  
2 in Southwest Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a sports lover and found great joy in cheering on McNeese,  
4 LSU, KU, and West Point, and Wade and his wife, Missy, personally originated numerous  
5 scholarships at McNeese State University and SOWELA Technical Community College; and

6 WHEREAS, Wade was a devoted public servant who believed that true leadership  
7 meant showing up for the community every single day, and exemplified that belief through  
8 service, including mentoring young men in the community and guiding over two hundred  
9 people through a West Point football weekend so that they might better appreciate and learn  
10 the values and contributions of the United States Military Academy; and

11 WHEREAS, Wade and Missy worked diligently to strengthen their familial bonds  
12 by hosting holiday celebrations that not only kept old traditions alive but created cherished  
13 new ones; and

14 WHEREAS, Wade was a leader, trusted friend, and pillar of the community, where  
15 he was known for his kind heart and generous spirit, creating a lasting impact for generations  
16 to come; and

17 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Mary Ruth (Missy); two  
18 daughters, Cindy Hanks (Ricky) and Becky Clements (Brian); five grandchildren, Erin-Beth  
19 Carter (Garret), Meghan Abraham (Ross), Taylor Clements (Camryn), Ben Clements  
20 (Katie), and Ellie Santoro (Joey); ten great-grandchildren; and siblings, Julia Goeller and  
21 Tom Shaddock; and

22 WHEREAS, Wade lived his life with dignity and humility, always placing family,  
23 faith, and service above all else and his legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched  
24 with his wisdom and kindness, as well as in the strong and vibrant community he helped  
25 build.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
27 does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Carroll Wade  
28 Shaddock Jr., upon his passing and does hereby commend his dedication to his community  
29 and his many accomplishments.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 family of Carroll Wade Shaddock Jr.

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