

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Wade's final career, completed at age eighty-nine, was at the H.C. Drew Estate, a nonprofit organization that provides educational grants to public and private schools for college scholarships and to various other educational and nonprofit organizations in Southwest Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Carroll Wade Shaddock Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE