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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY, BARROW, AND HUNTER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Master Trooper Byron Gray, Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Master
3 Trooper Byron Gray, Sr.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Master Trooper Byron
6 Gray, Sr., on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the age of forty-six; and

7 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray's fellow citizens sincerely mourn his death, and
8 it is appropriate to honor his life and legacy of service; and

9 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray was born on October 23, 1967; he graduated from
10 Capitol High School in 1985, and went on to attend Nicholls State University and Southern
11 University A & M College; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray was a member of the 239th Military Police,
13 Louisiana National Guard; he earned an Army Service Ribbon and a Louisiana General
14 Excellence Medal for his dedicated and exceptional service in the National Guard; and

15 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray joined the police force in 1990 and served in the
16 office of state police, Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and

17 WHEREAS, for his outstanding and dedicated service as a law enforcement officer,
18 Trooper Gray received eight commendations and many other awards, including the
19 Louisiana Emergency Service Award, for assisting in the recovery and cleanup following
20 the Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster; and

1 WHEREAS, for his courageous and heroic efforts in the aftermath of Hurricanes
2 Katrina and Rita, Master Trooper Gray received the Unit Citation Award and the Meritorious
3 Service Award; and

4 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Master Trooper Gray received many
5 certifications, including chemical testing for intoxication, Federal Motor Carrier Safety
6 Administration Basic Compliance, and a certificate from Northwestern University in traffic
7 technical accident investigation; and

8 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray held membership in the Louisiana State Troopers
9 Association and Central State Trooper Association and was an active and faithful member
10 of Elm Grove Baptist Church in Baton Rouge; and

11 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray was also a committed and engaged Mason, Prince
12 Hall Affiliation; he held numerous leadership positions in the organization and was
13 promoted and recognized several times for his service and devotion; and

14 WHEREAS, as a Free Mason, Master Trooper Gray worked tirelessly on countless
15 community service projects; he attended nearly every Mason convention and often served
16 on the planning committees for many meetings and conferences; and

17 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray was preceded in death by his wife, Anne Gray,
18 and his father, Baron Gray; and

19 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray is survived by his mother, Vendora Gray, his
20 sister, Glennis Gray, and his son, who was his pride and joy, Byron Gray, Jr.; and

21 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray had a magnetic personality, was truly interested
22 in helping people from all walks of life, and dedicated his time to mentor the youth in his
23 community; he was a positive role model for at-risk children and went above and beyond to
24 help provide them with the resources to live safe and trouble-free lives; and

25 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray was a beloved citizen of Baton Rouge and his
26 passing has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the Baton Rouge area and beyond; and

27 WHEREAS, with the death of Master Trooper Gray, Louisiana has lost one of her
28 finest sons, a tremendous man of strength, integrity, service, and faith whose contributions
29 have left an indelible mark on every person whose life he touched; and

1 WHEREAS, the loss of Master Trooper Gray is magnified by the fact that his fellow
2 citizens are only left to imagine the contributions he might have made had his life not been
3 so untimely ended; and

4 WHEREAS, Master Trooper Gray deserves honor and recognition and a sincere
5 measure of posthumous gratitude and respect for the light and joy that he brought to the lives
6 of his family members and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, the entire House of Representatives family empathizes with the
8 tremendous pain that Master Trooper Gray's family and friends are suffering and joins them
9 in mourning the loss of this wonderful man.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
12 death of Master Trooper Byron Gray, Sr.; does hereby recognize the enduring impact that
13 he had on the lives of his fellow citizens, including his colleagues at the Louisiana State
14 Police; does hereby commemorate his service to Louisiana as both a National Gaurdsman
15 and a Master Trooper; does hereby extend the hope that his family and friends will be
16 granted the strength that they need to cope with the tragic loss of this outstanding citizen,
17 whose memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him;
18 and does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever bring great
19 pride and honor to the Louisiana State Police, the Baton Rouge community, and to the entire
20 state of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to the family of Master Trooper Byron Gray, Sr.

DIGEST

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