

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ALLAIN, GUILLORY, LAFLEUR, MILLS, MORRISH AND
PERRY AND REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend posthumously law enforcement officers from the Acadiana region who died
or were slain in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize these law enforcement officers from the
Acadiana region who made the ultimate sacrifice in the valiant performance of their duties;
and

WHEREAS, from the Abbeville Police Department, Officer John Hardy died in the
line of duty on December 22, 1992; and

WHEREAS, from the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Department, Deputy Lester Threats
died in the line of duty on October 18, 1988; and

WHEREAS, from the Crowley Police Department, the following officers died or
were slain in the line of duty: Officer Ezra Foreman on May 4, 1959, Officer Anthony Suire
on September 6, 1962, and Lieutenant Richard Newman on February 19, 1993; and

WHEREAS, from the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Department, the following officers
died or were slain in the line of duty: Deputy Charles Smith on April 16, 2003, Deputy
Maurice Brignac on June 1, 2005, and Deputy Jeremy Carter on December 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, from the Henderson Police Department, Patrolman Julius Courville died
in the line of duty on August 26, 1978; and

WHEREAS, from the Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Department, Deputy James Phillips
died in the line of duty on May 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, from the Jennings Police Department, the following officers died or
were slain in the line of duty: City Marshal Cameron Coffin on July 15, 1906, and Patrolman
Burton LeBlanc on February 5, 2000; and

WHEREAS, from the Kaplan Police Department, Officer Rodney Trahan died in the
line of duty on April 4, 1969; and

WHEREAS, from the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department, the following officers died or were slain in the line of duty: Deputy Willie Stutes on July 10, 1927, and Deputy Myra Mouton on February 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, from the Lafayette Police Department, the following officers died or were slain in the line of duty: Officer Simon Chaisson on July 11, 1926, Captain Harold Abadie on May 20, 1959, Detective Sergeant Leroy King on May 20, 1959, Captain John "Rocky" Langlinais on July 22, 1960, and Police Officer First Class Edward Burch on January 5, 1969; and

WHEREAS, from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the following officers died or were slain in the line of duty: Agent Frank Fagot Jr., on November 29, 1927, Agent Kenneth Aycock on July 6, 1991, Agent Ricky Dodge on January 21, 1992, Senior Agent Leon Henderson Jr. on March 20, 1996, Captain John Garlington on February 10, 2000, Senior Agent Jim Matkin on March 2, 2005, and Sergeant Paul Stuckey on September 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, from the Louisiana State Police, the following officers died or were slain in the line of duty: Officer Neill Yarborough Sr. on February 25, 1925, Highway Patrolman Frank David Sr. on October 9, 1933, Patrolman Victor Mossy on May 13, 1936, Trooper James Brownfield on May 9, 1943, Trooper Ulis Floyd on February 24, 1952, Trooper Wilmer Moody on November 10, 1956, Trooper James Pollard on November 20, 1956, Sergeant Eli Smith on January 17, 1957, Trooper Francis Zinna on March 24, 1958, Trooper Rudolph Miller on September 8, 1962, Lieutenant Joseph D. Ferris on February 23, 1968, Trooper Huey Grace on October 30, 1968, Trooper William Warrington on July 17, 1973, Trooper Lamon Weaver on April 17, 1973, Sergeant Clarence Miller Jr. on December 4, 1975, Trooper First Class Donald Cleveland Sr. on July 2, 1977, Trooper Jean-Claude Crescienne on April 20, 1982, Trooper Damon Robichaux on July 21, 1982, Trooper William Kees on February 5, 1983, Master Trooper Stephen Gray on May 29, 1995, Sergeant George Johnston on November 17, 1997, Trooper Hung Le on June 30, 1998, Trooper Duane Dalton on January 12, 2010, and Corporal John Kendall on August 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, from the New Iberia Police Department, the following officers died or were slain in the line of duty: Officer Warren Narcisse Jr. on February 28, 1984, and Officer Chad Elkins on October 25, 2000; and

WHEREAS, from the Opelousas Police Department, the following officers died or were slain in the line of duty: Lieutenant Joseph Richard Jr. on September 28, 2010, and Assistant Warren Peggy Sylvester on April 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, from the Port Barre Police Department, Police Chief David Richard died in the line of duty on August 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, from the Rayne Police Department, Marshal Americus Lyons died in the line of duty on December 24, 1894; and

WHEREAS, from the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department, the following officers died in the line of duty: Deputy Marion Swords on July 17, 1916, and Deputy Carlos Papillion on January 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department, Corporal James Courville died in the line of duty on June 13, 2000; and

WHEREAS, from the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department, Detective John Kahl died in the line of duty on June 4, 1980; and

WHEREAS, from the Sunset Police Department, Officer Theodore Devalcourt died in the line of duty on February 25, 1932; and

WHEREAS, from the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department, Deputy Allen Bares Jr. died in the line of duty on June 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, these law enforcement officers died nobly in the act of protecting their fellow citizens, preserving order in our society; they are to be saluted for how they lived, and applauded for their dedication to valor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana owe these fallen officers a deep debt of appreciation; and

WHEREAS, these officers are to be honored by acknowledging their professionalism, perseverance, and compassion, and will forever be held as models for all who strive to uphold the ideals of this great state and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend posthumously law enforcement officers from the Acadiana region who died or were slain in the line of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Abbeville Police Department, the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Department, the Crowley Police Department, the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Department, the Henderson Police Department, the Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Department, the Jennings Police Department, the Kaplan Police Department, the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department, the Lafayette Police Department, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Louisiana State Police, the New Iberia Police Department, the Opelousas Police Department, the Port Barre Police Department, the Rayne Police Department, the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department, the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department, the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Department, the Sunset Police Department, and the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES