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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

CONDOLENCES: Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sgt. Shawn T. Anderson of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office who was killed in the line of duty

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson
3	of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office who was killed in the line of duty.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5	Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson, a truly
6	exceptional law enforcement officer and citizen, on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the age of
7	forty-three; and
8	WHEREAS, Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson, who was killed in the line of duty as a
9	sergeant with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, performed his responsibilities
10	in an outstanding fashion, and it is fitting to pay tribute to him for his faithful service and
11	ultimate sacrifice; and
12	WHEREAS, Shawn Anderson was the loving husband of Becky Davis Anderson and
13	the proud father of two children, Delaney Grace and Breland Thomas Anderson; and
14	WHEREAS, a 1992 graduate of Baker High School, where he played on the baseball
15	team, Shawn Anderson served for three years in the United States Army at Fort Sill,
16	Oklahoma, where he was assigned to Multiple Launch Rocket Systems; and
17	WHEREAS, following his honorable discharge from the Army, Shawn returned to
18	Baton Rouge, and in May of 1999, he began his long and highly productive career with the
19	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, first serving at the parish prison and going on to

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serve in various divisions, including narcotics, the emergency services unit, and the maritime 2 response team; and 3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson transferred to the canine division and became a 4 master handler and trainer; and 5 WHEREAS, working uniform patrol, Sergeant Anderson served the Burbank, 6 Scotlandville, and Kleinpeter Substations, and he was also a member of the SWAT team for 7 eleven years, serving courageously as a breacher; and 8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson distinguished himself as a model of excellence and 9 was recognized with numerous awards and honors, including the Life Saving Award in 2010 10 for saving the life of a woman on the old Mississippi River Bridge; recognition in 2014 for 11 serving more than sixty high-risk warrants the previous year with SWAT with no injuries 12 or shots fired; and recognition in March of 2016 for safely delivering a baby boy whose 13 parents had pulled over in their vehicle en route to the hospital; and 14 WHEREAS, with steadfast diligence and dedication, Sergeant Anderson was fair and 15 honest in his work, and he displayed his innate goodness and strength of character through 16 his everyday actions, making him widely respected and admired by his peers and by the 17 citizens he encountered on the job; and 18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson was an avid LSU fan and enjoyed hunting in his 19 spare time but above all was a devoted family man who loved being with his family and 20 friends and most especially cheering from the sidelines at his children's sporting activities; 21 and 22 WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson is survived by his wife, Becky Davis Anderson, and 23 their two children, Delaney Grace Anderson and Breland Thomas Anderson; his mother, 24 Carol Anderson Bergeron; his brother, Jackie Anderson, and his wife Stefanie Anderson; his 25 brother, Dustin Martin; his sisters, Debbie Anderson, Paula Ledford, Renee Anderson, and 26 Kristin Martin; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Joan Davis; his sister-in-law, 27 Tammy Davis Conrad, and her husband Richard T. Conrad III; numerous nieces and nephews; countless friends, including his very special friends, Les and Pat Rainey; and his 28 29 East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office family; he was preceded in death by his father, Jack 30 Anderson; and

1	WHEREAS, the death of Shawn Anderson leaves an unspeakable emptiness in the
2	hearts of his family members and friends, who may find comfort in the knowledge that he
3	lived his life according to deeply held principles and that his enduring legacy will continue
4	to be an inspiration to others; and
5	WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson also will be mourned and sorely missed by those
6	who had the honor of serving with him and who will always remember him as a selfless
7	brother and cherished friend; and
8	WHEREAS, Sergeant Anderson upheld the traditions of the East Baton Rouge Parish
9	Sheriff's Office for nearly eighteen years of superb service and brought honor to his family,
10	his friends, his community, his state, and this nation; and
11	WHEREAS, Shawn Anderson was an extraordinary public servant whose helpful and
12	heroic actions in serving and protecting his fellow citizens routinely went far above and
13	beyond the call of duty and whose singular contributions have left an indelible mark on the
14	hearts of the people of East Baton Rouge Parish and beyond; and
15	WHEREAS, the death of Sergeant Shawn Anderson has created a tremendous void
16	in his community and a genuine sense of shock and sorrow in the many citizens whose lives
17	he touched, all of whom mourn the loss of the friendly nature, bright mind, and kind and
18	generous spirit of this beloved man whose memory shall forever remain a source of deep
19	pride for all who knew and loved him.
20	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21	express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson;
22	does hereby recognize his exemplary service as a sergeant with the East Baton Rouge Parish
23	Sheriff's Office; does hereby record for posterity his steadfast adherence to the highest
24	standards of valor and integrity; does hereby acknowledge with profound gratitude the
25	bravery of this extraordinary man who gave his life in the service of others; and does hereby
26	extend deepest regret upon the loss of this wonderful individual who will forever be
27	remembered for his service to his fellow citizens, the parish of East Baton Rouge, the state
28	of Louisiana, and the United States of America.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30	to the family of Sergeant Shawn T. Anderson.

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