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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE AND SENATOR CARTER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Rudolph "Chief Rudy" Belisle and posthumously commends his accomplishments

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express condolences on the death of Rudolph "Chief Rudy" Belisle and to commend him
3	posthumously.
4	WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and record for posterity the extraordinary
5	achievements and contributions of Rudolph "Chief Rudy" Belisle of New Orleans, who died
6	on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the age of eighty-seven; and
7	WHEREAS, he was born on March 17, 1932, the fourth child born to Redvers
8	Bulava, Sr., and Velma Conerly Belisle; he attended St. Paul Lutheran School and Lutheran
9	Academy in Selma, Alabama; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Belisle graduated with a degree in social studies from Alabama
11	A&M College, where he joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; he also graduated
12	from Delgado Community College with an associate degree in criminal justice; and
13	WHEREAS, he taught history at Prentice High School in Montevallo, Alabama,
14	during the 1960s; in 2012, he retired from the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, as director of
15	corrections, after serving there for thirty-nine years; and
16	WHEREAS, for he and his wife, Lillian, it was love at first sight when he met her
17	at the New Orleans Public Library on Loyola Avenue; they were married for thirty-seven
18	wonderful years, from July 17, 1981, until the time of his passing; and
19	WHEREAS, confirmed as a child at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mr.
20	Belisle was a lifelong servant of Christ; he adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren;
21	in his free time, he enjoyed reading, playing dominoes, and listening to Lillian sing; and

1	WHEREAS, left to cherish the memory of Rudolph Belisle are his loving wife,
2	Lillian W. Belisle; children, Sonjia McCary, and her husband Ronnie, Dr. William Belisle,
3	Cathy Gaddis, and Joe Belisle, and his wife Angelique; grandchildren, George Yelder, III,
4	and his wife DeAnna, Veronica McCary, DeShawn Goode, Timothy Strong, and his wife
5	Jessica, William R. Belisle, Taylor Gaddis, and his wife La'Starshia, Rudi G. Williams, and
6	her husband Eric, Bijon Belisle, and Devin Belisle; great-grandchildren, Patience Yelder,
7	Lyric Yelder, Noah Yelder, Daniel Yelder, Francina Goode, Jordan Goode, Dylan Goode,
8	Timothy Strong, Jr., Jaden Whiting, and Nola Grace Gaddis; godchild, Gwendolyn Smith;
9	brothers-in-law, Milton Williams and Jimmy Williams, III, and his wife Alice; sisters-in-
10	law, Mildred W. Smith, Ida W. Blount, Doretha W. Dunn, and her husband Frantz, Ann W.
11	Coleman, and Josephine W. Dennie, and her husband Ronald; and a host of cousins, nieces,
12	nephews, and friends; and
13	WHEREAS, Rudolph "Chief Rudy" Belisle merits posthumous commendation for
14	the indelible mark he left on his community and state and countless students and fellow
15	citizens as one of Louisiana's finest sons.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	express condolences on the death of Rudolph "Chief Rudy" Belisle; does hereby commend
18	him posthumously for his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions to the
19	state of Louisiana; and does hereby recognize that his memory shall live forever in the minds
20	and hearts of all who knew and loved him.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22	family of Rudolph Belisle.

## **DIGEST**

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