

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

CIVIL/ACTIONS: Requests the state to expedite the resolution of pending civil litigation with the estate of Ronald Greene

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state of Louisiana, represented by the Department of Justice, and the  
3 Louisiana State Police to expedite legal proceedings regarding the incident involving  
4 Louisiana State Police officers that ultimately led to the death of Ronald Greene.

5 WHEREAS, on May 10, 2019, Ronald Greene was involved in a traffic pursuit with  
6 several troopers employed by the Louisiana State Police, and after he was arrested, Mr.  
7 Greene died; and

8 WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides  
9 that the state shall not deprive persons within its jurisdiction of life, liberty, or property,  
10 without due process of law and provides that each state provide equal protection under the  
11 law to all people; and

12 WHEREAS, the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides that  
13 no cruel and unusual punishments may be inflicted; and

14 WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. §1983 provides for civil recovery for the deprivation of  
15 constitutionally-secured rights to parties injured by employees of the state working under  
16 the color of state law; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Greene died while in the custody of the Louisiana State Police  
18 troopers while they were acting in their capacity as employees of the Louisiana State Police;  
19 and

1           WHEREAS, due to the increased reporting and awareness of cases of law  
2 enforcement officers using excessive force, a crisis of confidence in law enforcement has  
3 been created; and

4           WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the state and to the family of Mr. Greene that  
5 the persistently lengthy and emotionally-taxing civil litigation process should be expedited  
6 in order to avoid the already-protracted dispute and the emotional and financial cost to the  
7 citizens of this state and the family of Mr. Greene.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Justice and the  
10 Louisiana State Police to expedite the legal proceedings in the current pending civil litigation  
11 with the Greene estate.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police and Louisiana  
13 Department of Public Safety and Corrections work to create policies that promote  
14 constitutional protections against excessive force.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
16 to the Louisiana attorney general, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
17 and Corrections, and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

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#### DIGEST

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