

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Sergeant Grant Candies.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Grant Candies was killed in the line of duty while attempting to deploy spike strips on Interstate 10 near the Oak Harbor exit in Slidell, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the perpetrator was fleeing from a pursuit and struck him, taking the life of a husband, father, Marine, mentor, and true leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies was the kind of deputy every agency hopes to have; and

WHEREAS, he spent five years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps and three years on inactive duty, and carried that same dedication and discipline into his career in law enforcement when he joined the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office in 2016; and

WHEREAS, "leading from the front" is a principle he carried into his role as a field training officer in the Criminal Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, to Sergeant Candies, training new deputies was not just about teaching tactics, but about shaping them into the kind of deputies who serve with integrity, courage, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, his path to law enforcement was one of fate and devotion to his family, to his community, and to a calling greater than himself; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies was originally from Luling, and grew up watching his father serve with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, though he once dreamed of becoming a Marine Corps pilot, meeting his wife, Courtney, at Southeastern Louisiana State University changed his trajectory; and

WHEREAS, love anchored Sergeant Candies in St. Tammany Parish, where he chose to serve and protect the place his family calls home; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies and Courtney built a beautiful life together, raising their two children, Brenna and Bryson, with the same values he carried every day, strength, kindness, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, whether he was teaching his kids how to hunt and fish, working on their small farm, or simply enjoying time together, Sergeant Candies was a fun and protective kind of dad and the kind who made sure his family knew they were loved beyond measure; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Candies never did his job for recognition, but his leadership spoke volumes; and

WHEREAS, he was named Deputy of the Year for 2023, and true to his humble nature, his response was simply "when my team succeeds, I have succeeded"; and

WHEREAS, he didn't care about titles or awards, but rather about people, about doing the right thing, and about making a difference.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Sergeant Grant Candies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Grant Candies.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE