

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, BUFFINGTON AND TARVER

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Judge Charles Scott.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Caddo Parish District Attorney, Charles Rex Scott II.

WHEREAS, Charles Rex Scott II died suddenly on April 22, 2015, while on a business trip to Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the family of Caddo Parish district attorney Scott, as well as the legal and law enforcement communities and all of Caddo Parish have suffered a great loss upon the death of this well-known and widely respected public figure; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Rex Scott II, known to his friends as Scotty, was born on July
10 3, 1947, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, the second child of Charles Mercer Scott and Marie
11 Baucum Scott; and

12 WHEREAS, Scott attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches before
13 moving to Baton Rouge in order to attend law school at Louisiana State University, from
14 which he graduated in 1971; and

15 WHEREAS, after receiving his Juris Doctorate degree from Louisiana State
16 University Law School, Scott and his wife, Alexis Pharris, moved to Shreveport and he
17 began his work in the criminal justice system as an assistant city attorney; and

WHEREAS, Scott served as assistant district attorney from 1973 until August 1,

1 1980, when he was elected judge of the Shreveport City Court without opposition to succeed
2 the late Judge Nolan Harper; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1982, Scott was elected to serve as a district judge for the First
4 Judicial District, which encompasses Caddo Parish, and he served in that capacity for the
5 following twenty-five years, until his retirement as chief judge in 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, during his service as a district judge, Scott also served as president of
7 the Second Circuit Judges' Association and as president of the Louisiana District Judges'
8 Association, where he served on the executive board until 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Scott came out of retirement in 2008 to run for district attorney
10 for the First Judicial District and he was elected to that post, where he served until his
11 untimely death; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Scott was the immediate past president of the Louisiana District
13 Attorneys' Association and he served as a member of the Drug and Violent Crime Policy
14 Board and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Scott served as a strong advocate for and the chairman of the
16 North Louisiana Crime Lab which serves twenty-nine parishes of north Louisiana and is
17 instrumental in investigating and solving crimes in those parishes, and, as evidence of his
18 instrumental leadership, construction of the crime lab is currently underway near the
19 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Scott served as cochairman of the master plan committee of the
21 Court Case Management Information System, which seeks to improve the reporting of
22 disposition data, particularly relevant to convictions for violent crimes and cases of driving
23 while intoxicated; and

24 WHEREAS, Judge Scott was the former chairman of the committee to evaluate
25 requests for new judgeships, a committee of the Louisiana Judicial Council of the Louisiana
26 Supreme Court; and

27 WHEREAS, Judge Scott also volunteered with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug
28 Abuse of Northwest Louisiana, getting to know many of the people afflicted with these
29 conditions well and serving as a great source of encouragement for them; and

30 WHEREAS, Judge Scott was a member of the Committee to Study Proper Court

1 Reporting in Louisiana, an adjunct professor in the Louisiana State University-Shreveport
2 paralegal program and he was active in the Inns of Court, an organization which seeks to
3 strengthen professionalism and ethics in the legal profession; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Scott and his wife Alexis have two children, son, Charles Rex
5 Scott III and daughter, Kelly Scott Padgett, and the Scotts have a total of seven wonderful
6 grandsons; and

7 WHEREAS, in a lifetime of public service to the criminal justice system and to the
8 law in the capacities of both advocate and judge, Judge Charles Scott was an exemplary
9 member of the bar, tireless in his efforts to serve both the law and his community, and his
10 untimely death only highlights the void that is left by his passing.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby express the sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Caddo Parish
13 District Attorney, Judge Charles Rex Scott.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
15 Alexis Pharris Scott and her children, Charles Rex Scott III and Kelly Scott Padgett.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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