

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

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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

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

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

WHEREAS, after receiving his Juris Doctorate degree from Louisiana State University Law School, Scott and his wife, Alexis Pharris, moved to Shreveport and he 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, 1980, when he was elected judge of the Shreveport City Court without opposition to succeed the late Judge Nolan Harper; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Scott was elected to serve as a district judge for the First

Judicial District, which encompasses Caddo Parish, and he served in that capacity for the following twenty-five years, until his retirement as chief judge in 2007; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Judge Scott was a member of the Committee to Study Proper Court Reporting in Louisiana, an adjunct professor in the Louisiana State University-Shreveport paralegal program and he was active in the Inns of Court, an organization which seeks to strengthen professionalism and ethics in the legal profession; and

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE