

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVES HALL, LANCE HARRIS, AND HAZEL AND SENATOR  
LUNEAU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former  
Alexandria city marshal James Byrd.

WHEREAS, the legislature was saddened to learn of the death of former Alexandria  
city marshal James Byrd on May 11, 2018, at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was raised in Philadelphia and joined the U.S. Air Force in  
1954 at the age of nineteen; and

WHEREAS, from 1958 to 1966, he was stationed at England Air Force Base in  
Alexandria, which is where he met his wife Margie; they were married in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd began working at the marshal's office in 1974; he was first  
appointed city marshal in 1990, and after twenty-one years as marshal, he retired in 2011;  
in addition to his law enforcement role, he was well-respected for his training of new  
lawyers in city court; and

WHEREAS, while marshal, he founded the community Easter egg hunt, held at  
Peabody Magnet High School, and the "Shop with a Cop" program, an annual Christmas  
event where children from local families in need shop with law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was a prominent figure in Rapides Parish; he was known as  
a kind, caring person who went out of his way for the community and was always giving of  
himself; Mr. Byrd was beloved by every agency; and

WHEREAS, left to cherish his memory are his brother, Clark Gather, and a host of  
friends, former colleagues, and protégés; and

WHEREAS, retired city marshal James Byrd was held in high esteem by all who worked with him, and he will be greatly missed by the residents of Rapides Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend sincerest condolences upon the death of former Alexandria city marshal, James Byrd, and does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever be a source of great pride and honor for his family, friends, and former colleagues, the city of Alexandria, Rapides Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of James Byrd.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE