

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of James Byrd, on May 11, 2018, at age eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 until 2011, when he retired due to poor health, James Byrd served as Alexandria city marshal, and those who knew and worked with him remember him as a good and caring person who loved to give back to his community; and

WHEREAS, James Byrd believed in the motto, "You judge a man or woman based on their hard work", and he worked to help members of his community; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the marshal's office, which began in 1974, he started the Shop with a Cop program and the community Easter Egg Hunt held at Peabody Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, James Byrd, a native of Philadelphia, came to Alexandria with the U.S. Air Force, and there met his wife, Margie, who he married in 1962 and who died in 2017; and

WHEREAS, he continued to serve as marshal until 2011, even though he suffered a stroke in 2007; and

WHEREAS, James Byrd was a very kind and gentle man who was a pleasure to work with, who took care of business, and who was tough when he needed to be; and

WHEREAS, James Byrd had a profound effect on the people he loved and the community he served, and he shall be remembered for his service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of James Byrd, former Alexandria city marshal.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE