

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Captain Vincent Nat "Vinnie" Liberto Jr. and to posthumously recognize his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Mandeville, St. Tammany Parish, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, it was with a great sorrow and sadness that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the tragic death of Mandeville Police Captain, Vincent "Vinnie" Liberto Jr. on September 20, 2019, who succumbed to the injuries he encountered in the line of duty at the age of fifty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Nat Liberto Jr. was born March 27, 1961, and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a devout Catholic and lifelong Saints fan; and

WHEREAS, "Vinnie" Liberto Jr. was a 1979 graduate of Brother Martin High School; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Marine Corps after graduation and was honorably discharged as a sergeant and a decorated combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, after loyally serving his country for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, "Vinnie" Liberto Jr. served as a deputy with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office for five years before he joined the Mandeville Police Department in January of 1994, where he climbed through the ranks; his positions spanned from detective to lieutenant, he supervised the Criminal Investigations Division, was a certified polygraph examiner, and was finally promoted to captain in April of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Vince earned multiple prestigious awards during his years of service, including Officer of the Year, Captain Liberto was also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) National Academy; and

WHEREAS, he was a kind and gentle giant who consistently committed himself to being an exemplary leader, coach, and mentor to everyone he met; a strong staple within his community, and a man who was so dearly passionate, loyal, and dedicated to his family, his friends, his profession, and all whom he touched; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving and devoted husband to his dotting wife, Tracey Bayard Liberto, and a dedicated father to their seven children, Vincent "Vinnie" Liberto III (Julie); Chad "Joey" Liberto (Karleigh); Michael Liberto, Bailee Dean (Michael "Buckethead"); Tyler McIntyre, Dominic Liberto, and Victoria "Tori" Liberto; a cherished grandfather, to Aden & Hugh B. Dean and William Liberto, and a beloved son, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew, family member, and friend whose love for his family and friends was of the utmost importance to him in his life; and

WHEREAS, several of Captain Liberto's children, family, and friends are active law enforcement officers and in the military; and

WHEREAS, Captain Vincent "Vinnie" Liberto Jr. was a stalwart, honorable man of great courage, and a public servant of the highest caliber who died nobly in the act of protecting his fellow citizens, preserving order in our society; and

WHEREAS, he is to be saluted for how he lived, and applauded for his dedication to valor and integrity, and the people of Louisiana owe this fallen officer a deep debt of appreciation; and

WHEREAS, this hero should be honored by acknowledging his professionalism, perseverance, and compassion, and forever be held up as a role model for all who strive to uphold the ideals of this great state and nation; and

WHEREAS, he is among those chosen ones, those first responders who unselfishly place themselves in harm's way to assure the safety of all, the preservation of peace, and enforcement of the law; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate to posthumously recognize Captain Vincent "Vinnie" Liberto Jr., a true hero who made the ultimate sacrifice during his valiant performance in the line of duty, and after his untimely death we commend his extraordinary legacy of public service that he leaves to his family, friends, community, state, and country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and fellowship of first responders and law enforcement personnel who knew, loved, or admired Captain Vincent "Vinnie" Liberto Jr. and posthumously recognize his brave and courageous dedication to professional excellence and to all those values he upheld.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Captain Vincent "Vinnie" Liberto Jr.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE