

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 276

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Joseph Thompson.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives has learned of the unexpected passing, on June 2, 2023, of Joseph Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Thompson was born on April 18, 1956, in Bend, Oregon, to Walter Thompson and Mary Lou Mura Thompson; he served many years as the fire chief of the Olla Fire Department, and he was well known for his passion for the department; he also helped build and perform maintenance on fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was a board member of the North East Fire Fighters' Association and the Louisiana Fire Chiefs' Association; he was also a lifelong member of the Louisiana State Firemen's Association and served as president from 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was inducted into the Louisiana Fire Chiefs' Hall of Fame in November 2020 by the First Responder Christian Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson cherished his family and loved camping, grilling, cooking briskets, and anything outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Thompson leaves to cherish his memory his wife of more than forty-eight years, Mary Ann Thompson; mother, Mary Lou Thompson; daughters, Crystal Benson, and her husband Eric, and Leigh Ann Thompson, and her husband Cory Dotson; brothers, Chris Thompson, and his wife Sarah, and Anders Thompson, and his wife Laura Ann; sisters, Jennifer Meadows, and her husband Dennis, and Abby Thompson; grandchildren, Lynzee Benson and Eric Benson; sister-in-law, Johnnie Fallin, and her husband Leslie; and a host of nieces and nephews; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Joseph Thompson; does hereby recognize his dedicated civil service as fire chief of the Olla Fire Department; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES