

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Lieutenant Carl Malcolm Bennett Jr. upon the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Carl Bennett, a native of Covington, Louisiana, has exemplified dedication, service, and leadership throughout his distinguished career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Carl's commitment to serving his country began at a young age when, just two days after graduating from Covington High School in May 1974, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving with honor and distinction for four years, including his assignment to the elite Marine Squad at the US Embassy in Brussels, Belgium; and

WHEREAS, Carl's devotion to public safety continued as he joined the Louisiana State Police (LSP) in November 1978, rising through the ranks with excellence and integrity, serving for twenty-eight years and earning numerous accolades and awards for his outstanding service, including seventeen letters of commendation and prestigious awards such as the LSP Meritorious Service Award, the Emergency Service Award, and others; and

WHEREAS, Carl's leadership qualities were evident in his roles within the LSP, including his tenure as a duty officer for the LSP Training Academy and later as a supervisor in the Transportation and Environmental Safety Section, where he demonstrated exceptional skills and dedication to professional development; and

WHEREAS, Carl's contributions extended beyond his service with the Louisiana State Police, as he continued his career as a felony investigator with the 22nd JDC District Attorney's office and later as the Director of the Brand Division at the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, leaving a lasting impact on law enforcement and public safety in the state; and

WHEREAS, Carl's love for his community and his passion for history, hunting, fishing, and the outdoors reflect his deep-rooted values and his genuine character as a man of honor, integrity, and authenticity; and

WHEREAS, Carl Bennett embodied the core values of the Louisiana State Police—Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage—making them not just words but a way of life that guided his actions, interactions, and dedication to public service throughout his esteemed career; and

WHEREAS, on Good Friday, March 29, 2024, Lt. Carl Malcolm Bennett Jr. was called home to our Lord, but his memory remains forever in the minds and hearts of his beloved family, friends, and colleagues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Carl Bennett upon the occasion of his passing.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE