

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 273

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Preston Smith Wise.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the untimely passing, on January 16, 2024, of Preston Smith Wise; and

WHEREAS, Preston was born on September 4, 1991, and grew up in Minden, Louisiana; he attended Glenbrook School and graduated as class valedictorian in 2010; he excelled in both football and baseball and achieved all-star recognition in each sport; and

WHEREAS, Preston graduated with a Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering from Louisiana State University in 2015; he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity; for the past eight years, he worked as a technician and account manager in water treatment chemical sales for Athlon Solutions, Halliburton, and ChemTreat, and he was known for his ambition, unwavering work ethic, and dedication to customer service; and

WHEREAS, Preston was an avid outdoorsman who cherished the time he spent hunting and fishing; he had a particularly special bond with his duck hunting dog, Minnie; he and his loving fiancée, Celest Wilson, loved spending time with friends at his camp in Dulac, Louisiana, and they were passionate about their weekends with family and friends, which they held on their boat; and

WHEREAS, Preston was a genuinely loving individual who had a passion for making others feel special; his passion was particularly evident at LSU football games, and the fans seated near him always had the privilege of sharing in the pureness of his joy; and

WHEREAS, Preston Smith Wise leaves to cherish his beautiful memory his fiancée, Celest Wilson; their son, Preston Wilson Wise; parents, Michael and Judilyn Wise; sister, Allison Wise (Chadwick Klutts); brother, Shelby Wise (Katelyn); nephew, Jackson; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and loved ones; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his loving spirit will live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Preston Smith Wise and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES