

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI AND HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Caleb Jayden Wilson.

WHEREAS, Caleb was born on November 1, 2004, to Corey Wilson, Sr., and Urania Brown Wilson of Kenner, Louisiana; he was baptized into the Christian faith by Reverend Mitchell J. Stevens at Pilgrim Baptist Church on January 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Caleb was a gifted student whose academic ability showed from an early age; he discovered a passion for playing the trumpet while attending Edward Hynes Charter School in New Orleans and was accepted into a program run by The Roots of Music, a nonprofit organization that empowers kids through music education and mentorship, which helped him hone his innate musical ability and gave him the opportunity to perform in France; and

WHEREAS, Caleb graduated from Warren Easton High School, where he was a member of the school band, band captain, and section leader for the trumpet players; he maintained a desire to continue refining his musical craft, and as a result, he was accepted into the Trombone Shorty Foundation; the foundation allowed him many opportunities to perform across the United States; he performed in Havana, Cuba, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, before graduating from high school, Caleb earned a certificate in general studies from Delgado Community College through Warren Easton High School's dual enrollment program; he attended the Southern University Band Camp three times and was recruited to become a future member of the university's world-renowned band, "The Human Jukebox"; and

WHEREAS, Caleb was a founding member of the 110 Brass Band, and he performed for Mademoiselle Dwyne's School of Dance, various cotillions, and other events; he was a

member of Nu Phi Omicron, Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps Louisiana's college and high school musicians grow and excel in their craft; and

WHEREAS, Caleb was a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and the Warren Easton baseball team; he competed on the New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) swim team and worked as a NORD lifeguard; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Caleb was a junior majoring in mechanical engineering at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge; he was a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and a junior usher and active member of Pilgrim Baptist Church's Youth Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Caleb was able to live out his dream as a member of the Southern University Band, and he performed and marched on the field of the Caesars Superdome during Super Bowl LIX; he also played during the nationally-televised "Bayou Classic" games in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Caleb is survived by his parents, Corey and Urania Wilson; siblings, Coren and Corey, Jr.; grandmothers, Eulalia Porter and Veronica Temple; grandfather, Albert Brown; godparents, Reverend Richard Eugene Wilson, Yolanda Curtis Wilson, Alicia Alexander, and Jeffrey Alexander; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended relatives, and friends; he will be deeply missed, but the spirit of his music and legacy of his love shall 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 Caleb Jayden Wilson 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