

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 268

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of William "Bill" Johnson.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 17, 2025, of William "Bill" Johnson; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Johnson was born in Woodville, Mississippi, and raised in Zachary, Louisiana; he was a United States Army veteran who courageously served during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson became the first African American police officer in the city of Zachary in 1973, and he retired as captain of the Zachary Police Department in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a proud graduate of the FBI Academy and a member of the Magnolia State Peace Officer Association, the Zachary Men's Club, and the Lion's Club; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a man of faith who served as a dedicated deacon and member of New Pilgrim Baptist Church; he served through the church's evangelist and outreach ministries and always led with humility and love; and

WHEREAS, Bill was able to bring people together with kindness, wisdom, and warmth, whether he was at church, in the community, or at his backyard grill; and

WHEREAS, Bill Johnson is survived by his loving wife, Gloria H. Johnson; daughter, Zindy Laursen-Johnson (Denmark); bonus children, Kerry Gosa (Wathlene), Gregory Gosa (Gail), and Karen Breaux; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Armwood (Weldon) and Daisy Carson (Scottie); niece, Janice Johnson-Dunn; and a host of extended relatives and friends; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his love shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts 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 William "Bill" Johnson 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