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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATORS MORRISH AND JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE GUINN

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences of the legislature upon the death of Louisiana State Trooper Steven Vincent.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Senior Trooper Steven James Vincent, Unit Number D-57 of the Louisiana State Police.

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the passing of Trooper Steven Vincent on August 24, 2015, at the age of forty-four, as a result of injuries he sustained in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Steven Vincent was known as a deeply devoted husband, father, and son, an honorable veteran, and a dedicated law enforcement officer to the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, those who knew Steven Vincent would say he lived a tremendously enriched life, in his faith and in his love for his family which he expressed often to his wife, Katherine Tilley Vincent; son, nine year old Ethan James Vincent; father, James Howard Vincent; mother Mildred Marie Arabie Vincent; and sisters, Renae Perry and Miranda Priola; two brothers, Keith and Terrell Vincent; and extended family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, as a life-long resident of Louisiana, Steven Vincent lived in the town of Iowa, graduated from Iowa High School, attended LSU Eunice and McNeese State

University, and later graduated from the Louisiana State Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Steven Vincent's love for his country lead to him serving courageously in the United States Army during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement being a family tradition, led Steven Vincent to serve with the Lake Charles Police Department for eleven years and the Louisiana State Police for thirteen years, while his brother Keith Vincent serves as Chief of Police of the town of Iowa, Louisiana and his brother Terrell Vincent serves as a fellow Louisiana State Trooper; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Michael Edmonson, Superintendent of Louisiana State Police, said it best when he stated, *"Trooper Vincent embodied what it meant to be a Louisiana State Trooper and a first responder. He epitomized all that is great about our organization. He didn't just believe in our core values; he lived them. The citizens of this state were well served by Vincent"*; and

WHEREAS, while Senior Trooper Steven Vincent was truly one of Louisiana's finest citizens who left too soon, he will always be remembered; as Abraham Lincoln once said, *"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years"*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Senior Trooper Steven James Vincent and does hereby acknowledge a life well spent in service to his God, family, country, and the citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to his family.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

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