

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Royce E. Williford.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of Royce E. Williford on Friday, March 11, 2016, at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williford served on the Avoyelles Parish School Board for twelve years and as president of the school board for eight years; for thirty-one dedicated years, he drove a school bus for Rapides Parish; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church and the Pine Grove Cemetery Board; and

WHEREAS, as a cattleman and crop farmer, Mr. Williford enjoyed raising Brahman cattle, horses, and pigs; he also found joy in deer hunting with his dogs; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Lynn Williford; his parents, Starlin and Bernice Hines Williford; and his brother, Ray Williford; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Karen Williford; his son, Pete Williford; his sister, Nelwyn Perkins; and his sister-in-law, Katherine Williford; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. Williford, Louisiana has lost one her finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Royce E. Williford has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Royce E. Williford; does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family and friends, his community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Royce E. Williford.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES