

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATOR COLOMB

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Robert Godwin Sr., a man of character known for his good deeds and kind heart.

WHEREAS, Robert Godwin Sr. was a compassionate person filled with the milk of human kindness, a true gentleman, and genuine friend to all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Godwin, at the age of seventy-four, tragically and senselessly lost his life on Sunday, April 16, 2017, while walking home following an Easter meal with his children in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a retired foundry worker and father of ten with fourteen grandchildren, he taught his family the importance of forgiveness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Godwin loved fishing at Lake Erie and often was seen walking around with a plastic bag in his hand as he collected aluminum cans he saw on the ground; and

WHEREAS, Robert Godwin Sr. was the embodiment of the joy of living, *joie de vivre*, empathy, strength, and comfort; the genuine article, a true altruist who cared for everyone, and whose compassion for his fellow man knew no bounds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Godwin was struck down on Easter Sunday 2017, not by the ravages of time, but by the heinous act of another, someone who snuffed out his light needlessly and thoughtlessly; and

WHEREAS, upon his untimely death, the Cleveland, Ohio community lost a unique individual who left an indelible mark upon the lives of all who knew and loved him and benefitted from his thoughtfulness and generous spirit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Robert Godwin Sr., whose passing leaves a tear in the fabric of Cleveland and in the hearts of his children, grandchildren, and all who knew and loved this remarkable man.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Robert Godwin Sr.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE