

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of James Byrd, former Alexandria city marshal.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of James Byrd, former Alexandria city marshal.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of James Byrd, on May
6 11, 2018, at age eighty-three; and

7 WHEREAS, from 1990 until 2011, when he retired due to poor health, James Byrd
8 served as Alexandria city marshal and those who knew and worked with him remember him
9 as a good and caring person who loved to give back to his community; and

10 WHEREAS, James Byrd believed in the motto — "You judge a man or woman based
11 on their hard work" — and he worked to help members of his community; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the marshal's office which began in 1974, he started
13 the Shop with a Cop program and the community Easter Egg Hunt held at Peabody Magnet
14 High School; and

15 WHEREAS, James Byrd, a native of Philadelphia, came to Alexandria with the U.S.
16 Air Force, and there met his wife, Margie, whom he married in 1962 and who died in 2017;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, he continued to serve as marshal until 2011, even though he suffered

1 a stroke in 2007; and

2 WHEREAS, James Byrd was a very, very kind, gentle man and was a pleasure to
3 work with, who took care of business and was tough when he needed to be; and

4 WHEREAS, James Byrd had a profound effect on the people he loved and the
5 community he served, and he shall be remembered for his service.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8 upon the death of James Byrd, former Alexandria city marshal.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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