

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR WOMACK

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Police Chief Wesley Ezell of Gilbert, Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death
3 of Police Chief Wesley Ezell of Gilbert, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Wesley Ezell was born in Wisner, Louisiana, on July 21, 1948 to
5 Gladys and Floyd Ezell, and he died on May 22, 2020, in Winnsboro, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, Wesley Ezell was proud to serve as chief of police of Gilbert,
7 Louisiana, a position he held since 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, those who knew Chief Ezell stated that he was dedicated to protecting
9 the residents of the town of Gilbert and greatly enjoyed his job; and

10 WHEREAS, Wesley Ezell had great affection for all people and he loved helping
11 others, as it was his custom to sell peaches each year and use the proceeds to purchase
12 Christmas presents for under privileged children, seeking neither thanks nor recognition, and
13 he often anonymously paid the electrical bills of those without the means to do so; and

14 WHEREAS, Wesley Ezell was dedicated to his wife, Barbara Cooke Ezell and their
15 three children: Connie, Brittany, and Floyd, as well as his children's spouses and their
16 children and grandchildren, who all brought much joy and love to Chief Ezell; and

17 WHEREAS, Mike Stephens, Chief Ezell's nephew and mayor of the Village of
18 Gilbert, stated that Chief Ezell " ... was one hundred percent dedicated to his job" which he

1 took "seriously and protected the schools, children, and parents. He rode the streets and
2 checked on the elderly in bad weather"; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Ezell's law enforcement colleague and Wisner chief of police,
4 Billy Beach said he was " ... as good a chief as you could ask for. He loved his job, loved
5 talking to people and helping people in ways that you wouldn't believe ... he will surely be
6 missed"; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Ezell was serving in his second term as chief of police, and he
8 was noted for being fiscally responsible, and staying within the budget he was given; and

9 WHEREAS, Police Chief Wesley Ezell of Gilbert, Louisiana, was a dedicated family
10 man, a tireless public servant for the citizens of Gilbert, a committed member of his church,
11 and a man of quiet generosity, who sought only to better the lives of those with whom he
12 came in contact, and he will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to cross his
13 path.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby express sincere condolences upon the death of Police Chief Wesley Ezell of
16 Gilbert, Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
18 Barbara Cooke Ezell, widow of Chief Wesley Ezell.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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