

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mike Stephens, Chief Ezell's nephew and mayor of the Village of Gilbert, stated that Chief Ezell " ... was one hundred percent dedicated to his job" which he took "seriously and protected the schools, children, and parents. He rode the streets and checked on the elderly in bad weather"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE