

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 203

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Timothy James Prather.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members and staff of the Louisiana Senate learned of the death of former Senate Counsel and director of the Governmental Affairs Division, Timothy James Prather, on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at the age of fifty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Tim was born in Mamou and raised in Lafayette where he attended first grade with Senate President Patrick "Page" Cortez and later graduated from Lafayette High School and University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette), and worked as an emergency medical technician for Acadian Ambulance Service before enrolling at Southern University Law Center in the fall of 1986; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing his law degree, Tim fixed his sights on his smart, vivacious classmate Dalora Salter, who became his study partner during school and would later become his bride, mother of his children, and the love of his life; and

WHEREAS, Tim began working for Judiciary C committee of the Senate in 1991 and over the next three decades he would staff numerous other standing and special committees and was promoted to Senate Counsel in 2000 and division director of the Governmental Affairs Division in 2008; and

WHEREAS, among his many professional contributions to the Senate, Tim is most recognized for his work and training on Amendment Room processes which are still followed today and his lead staffing on the Senate's Commission on Streamlining Government; and

WHEREAS, due to health concerns and the added stress of public service during the pandemic, in July of 2020, Tim retired from the Senate, concluding a career spanning twenty-nine years and filled with an abundance of friends and precious memories to start the next chapter of his life; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement Tim planned to relocate and live out his days with his family away from the city, surrounded by livestock and fresh produce, where he would be free to indulge in his favorite hobbies including practicing Jujitsu, riding his motorcycle, flying a plane, scuba diving and snorkeling, and traveling in search of the tastiest link of boudin or the perfect pair of boots; and

WHEREAS, above all, Tim was a devoted family man; he loved spending time with his wife and best friend, Dalora Salter, and his beloved children, Samantha and Timothy, in whom he took tremendous pride and who were the source of much joy in his life; and

WHEREAS, Tim will be missed profoundly by his family and the many other people whose lives he touched with his easy smile and compassion, stories, laughter, and *joie de vivre*; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Timothy James Prather, the state has lost one of her finest sons, a man who will be remembered by all who were lucky enough to know him, including the members of his Senate family, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man who served this institution and this state so well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby expresses its sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Timothy James Prather, recognizes and records for posterity his long and storied tenure with the Senate, and expresses enduring gratitude for his career devoted to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his wife, Dalora Salter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE