

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

CIVIL/ACTIONS: Requests the state to expedite the resolution of pending civil litigation with the estate of Ronald Greene

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State of Louisiana, represented by the Department of Justice, and  
3 the Louisiana State Police to expedite legal proceedings regarding the incident  
4 involving Louisiana State Police officers that ultimately led to the death of Ronald  
5 Greene.

6 WHEREAS, on May 10, 2019, Ronald Greene was involved in a traffic pursuit with  
7 several troopers employed by the Louisiana State Police, and after he was arrested, Mr.  
8 Greene died; and

9 WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides  
10 that the state shall not deprive persons within its jurisdiction of life, liberty, or property,  
11 without due process of law and provides that each state provide equal protection under the  
12 law to all people; and

13 WHEREAS, the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides that  
14 no cruel and unusual punishments may be inflicted; and

15 WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. §1983 provides for civil recovery for the deprivation of  
16 constitutionally-secured rights to parties injured by employees of the state working under  
17 the color of state law; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Greene died while in the custody of the Louisiana State Police  
19 troopers while they were acting in their capacity as employees of the Louisiana State Police;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, due to the increased reporting and awareness of cases of law  
2 enforcement officers using excessive force, a crisis of confidence in law enforcement has  
3 been created; and

4           WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the state and to the family of Mr. Greene that  
5 the persistently lengthy and emotionally-taxing civil litigation process should be expedited  
6 in order to avoid the already-protracted dispute and the emotional and financial cost to the  
7 citizens of this state and the family of Mr. Greene.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
9 urge and request the Department of Justice and the Louisiana State Police to expedite their  
10 legal proceedings in the current pending civil litigation with the Greene estate.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Police and Louisiana  
12 Department of Public Safety and Corrections work to create policies that promote  
13 constitutional protections against excessive force.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
15 to the Louisiana attorney general, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
16 and Corrections, and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

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#### DIGEST

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Urges the Department of Justice and Louisiana State Police to expedite the legal proceedings regarding the pending civil litigation with the estate of Ronald Greene.