

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Assistant Chief City Marshal, Kirby Shawn Dawson.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep respect that the Louisiana Senate honors the life and legacy of Assistant Chief City Marshal Kirby Shawn Dawson of Caddo Parish, a devoted public servant whose life was marked by integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Kirby Shawn Dawson was born on May 28, 1971, to Otis and Sara Dawson, and as a lifelong resident of Caddo Parish, he carried a deep love for his community and a calling to serve others throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife, Tasha Dawson, sharing over 28 years of love and partnership, and a proud and loving father to Chris, Loghan, and Shawn, with his family serving as the foundation and greatest joy of his life; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Huntington High School, Class of 1989, he continued his education at Southern University and later earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wiley College, preparing for a life of service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Dawson began his law enforcement career with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office in 2002, later joining the Shreveport City Marshal's Office in 2005, where he faithfully served for nearly two decades in various roles, including Court Deputy, Outside Deputy, Court Supervisor, and ultimately Assistant Chief Deputy Marshal, a position he earned through dedication, professionalism, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, he was known not only for his leadership, but for his genuine care for people, earning the respect of colleagues and the trust of the community he served; and

WHEREAS, he was widely known as a man who earned respect both in and out of uniform, carrying himself with a quiet strength, authenticity, and consistency that made him

approachable, relatable, and deeply respected by all who encountered him; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Dawson possessed a rare ability to balance discipline with compassion, authority with humility, and leadership with approachability, making him not only a respected officer, but a trusted mentor, role model, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, one of his greatest passions was his work with the D.A.R.E. program, where he held a leadership role across the state of Louisiana, dedicating himself to mentoring and uplifting young people, and leaving a lasting impact through encouragement, guidance, and service; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him best remember not just the badge he wore, but the man behind it; steady, genuine, and always willing to listen, encourage, and stand in the gap for others; and

WHEREAS, his presence brought a sense of calm, confidence, and reassurance, and his ability to make others feel seen, heard, and valued is a legacy that will endure far beyond his years of service; and

WHEREAS, his impact is perhaps best reflected in the words shared by City Marshal Jefferson, who stated, "Thank you for being my friend. For listening, for encouragement, for guidance, and for inspiration. You make everything better just by being in my life", a testament to the character, friendship, and lasting influence of Assistant Chief Dawson; and

WHEREAS, beyond his service in law enforcement, he was a man of strong faith and character, whose kindness, steady presence, and servant leadership touched countless lives; and

WHEREAS, his passing on April 6, 2026, following a sudden medical emergency, is a tremendous loss to his family, the Shreveport City Marshal's Office, and the entire community he so faithfully served; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will live on through the lives he touched, the youth he mentored, the family he loved, and the community he served with honor and distinction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor the life and legacy of Assistant Chief City Marshal Kirby Shawn Dawson and extends heartfelt condolences to his wife, children, family, colleagues, and all who mourn his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Assistant Chief City Marshal, Kirby Shawn Dawson as an expression of our deepest sympathy and appreciation for his life of service.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE