

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of James David "Cowboy" Robertson

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of James David
3 "Cowboy" Robertson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on April 2, 2026,
6 of James David "Cowboy" Robertson; and

7 WHEREAS, Cowboy was born on January 31, 1946, to William Roy Robertson, Sr.,
8 and Josie Boyd Robertson; he was the youngest of six children and was raised in a close and
9 loving family; and

10 WHEREAS, Cowboy was a lifelong resident of LaSalle Parish and a longtime
11 member of Temple Baptist Church in Jena, Louisiana, where faith and fellowship became
12 a central focus of his life; and

13 WHEREAS, Cowboy was a highly decorated United States Army veteran who served
14 honorably during the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom;
15 rather than referring to himself as a hero, he shifted focus to the many soldiers who gave
16 their lives in service to the country; and

17 WHEREAS, Cowboy was an active member of the Whatley-Flaherty Veterans of
18 Foreign Wars Post 5002; he co-founded the LaSalle Parish Veteran's Honor Guard with the
19 assistance of fellow veterans J.W. Thomas, Ralph McCrory, and Willie "Sap" Tradewell; the
20 organization, which is still in operation, provides military funeral services free of charge for
21 all veterans, and it has conducted over one thousand military funerals; and

1 WHEREAS, Cowboy was a fixture at all military events in LaSalle Parish and played
2 an instrumental role in starting Memorial Day services; he was also actively involved in
3 Veterans Day and other patriotic events; and

4 WHEREAS, Cowboy was a deeply loving and devoted husband, father, and
5 grandfather who cherished his wife and children and took great pride in his family; he was
6 known for his warm smile and kind spirit, and all who knew him considered him to be a
7 beloved presence in their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, James David "Cowboy" Robertson leaves to cherish his memory his
9 loving wife of fifty-six years, Carol Beagan Robertson; sons, Jamie "Cowboy, Jr."
10 Robertson (Amie), Johnathan Robertson, and Jason Robertson (Rachel); sixteen
11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family members and dear
12 friends; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his deep patriotism and service to his
13 country shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known
14 and loved him.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of James
17 David "Cowboy" Robertson; does hereby offer enduring appreciation for his unwavering
18 dedication and military service to the United States; and does hereby extend sincere wishes
19 that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful
20 life.

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