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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of retired New Orleans Fire Department Captain Wallace A. Bailey, Sr.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Captain
3	Wallace August Bailey, Sr., of New Orleans.
4	WHEREAS, it is with profound sadness that the members of the Legislature of
5	Louisiana have learned of the death of retired New Orleans Fire Department Captain
6	Wallace A. Bailey, Sr.; and
7	WHEREAS, the 1932 Mardi Gras day was an especially joyful one for August A.
8	Bailey, Sr., and Alma Amelia Bailey as they welcomed their newborn, Wallace August
9	Bailey, to the world on February 9, 1932; and
10	WHEREAS, Captain Bailey admirably answered the call of his country to serve on
11	the battlefield, completing a tour of duty during the Korean conflict and, heeding the call of
12	service at home, he joined the New Orleans Fire Department in 1957; and
13	WHEREAS, the New Orleans Fire Department made good use of the knowledge and
14	expertise of Captain Bailey for more than thirty years, and he received the New Orleans Fire
15	Department Superintendent's Award and was a charter member of the International
16	Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 632, and remained a member for more than fifty
17	years, serving as executive vice president in the organization; and
18	WHEREAS, Captain Bailey represented his local union as a delegate to conventions
19	of the IAFF, the Professional Fire Fighters of Louisiana, the Louisiana American Federation
20	of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and the Greater New Orleans
21	AFL-CIO; and

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1	WHEREAS, delegates to the 2012 IAFF 14th District Caucus, which includes
2	Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee fire fighters, acknowledged the
3	decades of work performed by Captain Bailey on behalf of fire fighters and expressed their
4	appreciation for his work by bestowing upon him the first ever IAFF 14th District Lifetime
5	Achievement Award; and
6	WHEREAS, when Captain Bailey retired from the New Orleans Fire Department,
7	his drive for service to his fellow man did not lessen; he was a trustee and trustee emeritus
8	of the New Orleans Fire Fighters Pension and Relief Fund, president of the Police and
9	Firemen Holy Name Society, chairman of the New Orleans Fire Fighters' Building
10	Corporation, and he and his wife, Jewel, coordinated the annual Local 632 Christmas party
11	which provides special needs children at Saint Michael's Special School in New Orleans
12	with toys, food, and entertainment; and
13	WHEREAS, Captain Bailey provided his expertise to organizations outside of the
14	fire fighting field by serving as a trustee of the New Orleans Board of City Trust; and
15	WHEREAS, on April 4, 2013, at the age of eighty-one, Captain Bailey answered an
16	unexpected call to a higher place of service, and his departure has left an emptiness in the
17	hearts and lives of those who knew and loved him, among them his wife, Jewel Kabel
18	Bailey; his children, Wanda Morel and husband Ralph, Joan, Theresa, and Wallace A.
19	Bailey, Jr.; his brother, August A. Bailey, Jr.; his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and
20	the fire fighters of the city of New Orleans and beyond.
21	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana
22	do hereby express their sincere and most heartfelt sympathies upon the death of Captain
23	Wallace A. Bailey, Sr., do hereby acknowledge the good works of his life in the service and
24	protection of the people of New Orleans, and do hereby extend their condolences to the
25	family as they mourn the loss of one who spent his time on Earth in the service of many.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27	Mrs. Jewel Bailey.

DIGEST

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