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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

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CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death Richard "Ricky" Rees

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Lieutenant Richard "Ricky"
3 Rees.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Lieutenant Richard "Ricky"
6 Rees, on Saturday, May 18, 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Rees' fellow citizens sincerely mourn his death which was
8 the result of a tragic motorcycle accident; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Rees was a twenty-three year veteran of the Lafayette Police
10 Department, where he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, ATAC officer, field
11 supervisor, desk sergeant, city court liaison, traffic supervisor, ATAC supervisor, and most
12 recently as a lieutenant in precinct four; and

13 WHEREAS, during his time with the ATAC section, Lieutenant Rees was
14 responsible for the removal of nearly eleven hundred impaired motorists from the streets in
15 Lafayette, and under his supervision, the unit was recognized repeatedly by the Louisiana
16 Highway Safety Commission for making the most impaired motorists arrests in the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Rees deployed safe-speed vans to various parts of Lafayette
18 and was instrumental in securing a \$350,000 grant from the Louisiana Highway Safety
19 Commission for a mobile testing unit to aid in the fight against drunk drivers, which
20 contributed to a decline in the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes and fatalities in
21 Lafayette; and

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Rees had a magnetic personality, was truly interested in
2 helping people from all walks of life, and was strongly dedicated to raising his two children,
3 whom he leaves to mourn his precious memory, along with his mother and eleven brothers
4 and sisters; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Rees was a beloved citizen of Lafayette, and his passing has
6 created a genuine sense of sorrow in the Acadiana region and beyond; and

7 WHEREAS, with the death of Lieutenant Rees, Louisiana has lost one of her finest
8 sons, a tremendous man of strength and integrity whose contributions have left an indelible
9 mark on every person whose life he touched; and

10 WHEREAS, the loss of Lieutenant Rees is magnified by the fact that his fellow
11 citizens are only left to imagine the contributions he might have made had his life not been
12 so untimely ended; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Rees deserves honor and recognition and a sincere measure
14 of posthumous gratitude and respect for the light and joy that he brought to the lives of his
15 family members and friends; and

16 WHEREAS, the entire House of Representatives family empathizes with the
17 tremendous pain that Lieutenant Rees' family and friends are suffering and joins them in
18 mourning the loss of this wonderful man.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the
21 death of Lieutenant Richard "Ricky" Rees of Lafayette, does hereby recognize the enduring
22 impact that he had on the lives of his fellow citizens, including his colleagues at the
23 Lafayette Police Department, does hereby extend the hope that his family and friends will
24 be granted the strength that they need to cope with the tragic loss of this outstanding citizen
25 whose memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him, and
26 does hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy that will forever bring great pride
27 and honor to the Lafayette community, the Acadiana region, and to the state of Louisiana.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
29 to the family of Lieutenant Richard "Ricky" Rees.

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