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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY, BARRAS, STUART BISHOP, NANCY LANDRY, MONTOUCET, ORTEGO, PIERRE, AND ROBIDEAUX

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES