

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Shreveport Police Officer Thomas LaValley.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the  
3 death of Shreveport Police Officer Thomas LaValley.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the death of Shreveport  
5 Police Officer Thomas Joseph LaValley, who was slain in the line of duty while answering  
6 a call of suspicious activity on August 5, 2015, has been learned; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer LaValley, born on December 19, 1985, was a 2003 graduate of  
8 St. Amant High School and a member of its wrestling team; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Northwestern State University and worked at KTBS  
10 Channel 3 as a videographer; and

11 WHEREAS, he developed an interest in law enforcement while covering crime  
12 scenes and often helped protect female coworkers who were spooked at times by overeager  
13 viewers; and

14 WHEREAS, Officer LaValley then attended the Shreveport Police Academy  
15 graduating at the top of his class and served as an officer for four years; and

16 WHEREAS, he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid New Orleans Saints fan,  
17 naming his cat "Drew"; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer LaValley is survived by his mother, Jacqueline Ann LeBeau;

1 father, Joseph Thomas LaValley; brother, Alexander Paul LaValley; sisters, Kimberly Bessa  
 2 and her husband, Tyler, and Andrea Anderson and her husband, Kevin; maternal  
 3 grandmother, Helen B. LeBeau; niece, Emily Bessa; nephews, Tyler, Caleb, and Joshua  
 4 Bessa; and

5 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Eddie Paul  
 6 LeBeau, and paternal grandparents, Lillian and Thomas Joseph LaValley; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas LaValley is a hero who demonstrated bravery, courage, and  
 8 devotion and will never be forgotten for his service and lighthearted, noncomplaining  
 9 disposition; and

10 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, our cities, and American society  
 11 depend in great measure on men like Officer Thomas LaValley.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
 13 does hereby extend condolences upon the death of Shreveport Police Officer Thomas  
 14 LaValley, honors his life and accomplishments, and records for posterity his devotion to  
 15 duty and his sacrifice in defense of the citizens whose lives he protected.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his  
 17 mother, Jacqueline Ann LeBeau, and his father, Joseph Thomas LaValley.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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	DIGEST	
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