

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Officer LaValley is survived by his mother, Jacqueline Ann LeBeau; father, Joseph Thomas LaValley; brother, Alexander Paul LaValley; sisters, Kimberly Bessa and her husband, Tyler, and Andrea Anderson and her husband, Kevin; maternal grandmother, Helen B. LeBeau; niece, Emily Bessa; nephews, Tyler, Caleb, and Joshua Bessa; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE