

First Extraordinary Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIXON, HAZEL, AND ROY

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Major Earl K. Cross.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Major Earl K. Cross on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the age of seventy-eight; and

WHEREAS, Earl Cross retired with the rank of major from the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Department after twenty-six years of dedicated and highly productive service; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Major Cross was the president of Lower Third Neighborhood Watch, a deacon at Oakland Baptist Church, a member of the Bass Club, and one of the founders of Magnolia Peace Officers; and

WHEREAS, Major Cross was preceded in death by his parents, John and Phyllis Young Cross, and his brother, John Cross, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Major Cross is survived by his wife, Lillie B. Hallman Cross; four sons, Earl Cross, Jr., and his wife Sherrie, Travis Cross, Harry Gilliam and his wife Veronica, and Larry Gilliam and his wife Thomasine; three daughters, Phyllis Cross Bowman, Alberta Cross Roberson and her husband Larry, and Emma Cross Boyd and her husband John; one sister, Amy Cheney; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Major Cross, Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons, a beloved individual who was widely respected and admired for his kindness and integrity; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Major Cross has left a tremendous void in his community, his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were blessed to know and love him.

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 Major Earl K. Cross, does hereby record for posterity his singular contributions and outstanding achievements, and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this fine gentleman will forever bring to Rapides Parish and to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Major Earl K. Cross.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES