

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONToucET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT AND WOOTON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Ouachita Parish Deputy Sheriff Corporal J.R. Searcy upon his death in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, Corporal Searcy was an eight-year veteran with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, where he served as a Patrol Deputy, a K-9 Deputy, and a training officer for the patrol division; and

WHEREAS, he had just finished his regular shift, Thursday, March 4, 2010, when he responded to an aggravated assault complaint and was in the process of backing up a fellow deputy sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Searcy and his partner arrived on the scene of the complaint in West Monroe, they exited their units and confronted a suspect standing beside his vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Searcy, according to Ouachita Sheriff Royce Toney, was attempting to take the aggravated assault suspect into custody when the suspect suddenly drew a concealed handgun and fired, hitting the deputy once in the head before the other deputy shot and killed the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Searcy was taken to St. Francis Medical Center for emergency medical treatment for his wounds and where he would fight for his life for two days before he succumbed to his mortal injuries, March 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Searcy was thirty-three years old when he died in the line of duty, bravely serving and protecting the citizens of Ouachita Parish and enforcing the laws he was sworn to enforce; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Searcy is survived by his wife and three children who will all deeply miss and solemnly mourn him as they face an uncertain life without his presence, care and love; and

WHEREAS, he was laid to rest with the highest of honors befitting a hero, receiving a 21-gun salute from the State Police Color Guard, horse-mounted and K-9 officers from the sheriff's office stationed at the cemetery and a bagpipe unit playing hymns at the grave side services; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Toney, fellow deputies, family and friends were all proud that Corporal Searcy continued to serve his community, even in death, as his organs were donated to help citizens needing transplants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Deputy J.R. Searcy for his years of dedicated service to his community and their immeasurable loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Corporal J.R. Searcy and to the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES