

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Deputy Sheriff Randall L. Benoit of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and great sadness that the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the untimely death of Deputy Sheriff Randall L. Benoit of the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, a law enforcement officer who served and protected Louisiana and those in his community with great conviction and purpose; and

WHEREAS, he was born on May 9, 1970, a native of Sulphur, graduating from Sulphur High School in 1988 and was a 1991 graduate of Calcasieu Regional Training Academy as a Post Certified Law Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Benoit joined the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office in 1989 serving in many capacities throughout the years, as a correctional officer, patrol officer, narcotics deputy, and at the time of his death, a process server; and

WHEREAS, Randall (Randy) Benoit was a committed and highly admired citizen of Louisiana who worked tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, political, and religious causes throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving, dedicated, and devoted husband to his wife, Katherine (Kathy) Baker Benoit, a committed father and step-father, grandfather and a cherished son,

brother, nephew and uncle whose love of family was of utmost importance in his life; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Sulphur, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Randy Benoit left behind a legacy filled with fairness, honesty, and integrity which truly remains an inspiration to us all and this extraordinary man personified a true gentle kindness, determination and compassion, as he lived his everyday life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, Randy Benoit has been referred to with every positive adjective imaginable, because he was the kind of man you just liked and wanted to be his friend, the kind of man that legends are made of, and few people will ever be remembered with such fondness and admiration; his personality was a gift and no matter how bad a situation was his source of comic relief, knew how to put people at ease in the worst of situations and often referred to himself in the third party as "Benoit" and he loved to be outside and was quite the avid outdoorsman and was a proud member of the CPSO Bass Club; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Benoit served the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for almost two decades and will be forever remembered for the strength, courage, and bravery he displayed through his love for life, which now will live on through his family and all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments in public and private life, the death of Randall L. Benoit has left a tremendous void in his family, friends, and community, and all of Louisiana feels a genuine sense of profound sorrow; and

WHEREAS, this loved and respected man will be greatly missed by those he left behind, and his rare and selfless service will make him an ideal model for future law enforcement officers and those who aspire to follow in his footsteps; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon extraordinary men like Randall L. Benoit who dedicated their lives to protect others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby pay tribute to the life of Randall L. Benoit for his contributions to his community and to Louisiana and does express condolences to his family and friends upon his untimely death.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Randall L. Benoit.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES