

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 15, 2024, as Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated law enforcement officers serving Louisiana and parishes and municipalities throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 24,067 law enforcement officers in the United States who have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 574 officers who served in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial located in Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, on Peace Officers Memorial Day, the names of the following fallen heroes who served Louisiana will be read at the May 15th service on the United States Capitol Lawn and were previously recognized on May 8, 2024, at the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial: Senior Police Officer Trevor Abney; Corporal Scotty Canezaro; Sergeant Charles Dotson; Deputy Marshal Barry Giglio; Lieutenant Michael Godawa; Corporal Shawn Kelly; Officer Carl Kimball; Deputy Sheriff Marilyn Mayo; Corporal Robert McKinney; Deputy First Class Kyle Melancon; Detective Sergeant Nicholas Pepper; and, Sergeant David Poirrier; and

WHEREAS, our nation owes a debt of gratitude to our peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our great nation and state safe; and

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 15, 2024, as Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 12 - 18, 2024, as Police Week at the Louisiana State Capitol; does hereby commend the state's law enforcement officers for their noble and exemplary accomplishments; and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride they bring to Louisiana citizens.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE