

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2026

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 219 of 2026 LOUISIANA REGULAR SESSION REGARDING POST-CONVICTION RELIEF FOR THOSE CONVICTED BY NON-UNANIMOUS JURY VERDICTS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana allowed felony convictions by non-unanimous jury verdicts until the United States Supreme Court declared the practice unconstitutional in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court decision in *Ramos v. Louisiana* left it to the states to decide whether that decision would be applied retroactively; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has not yet allowed, non-unanimous jury verdicts to be reconsidered retroactively, thus, allowing persons unconstitutionally convicted to remain imprisoned without recourse; and

WHEREAS, non-unanimous jury verdicts have disproportionately affected African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, HB 219 proposes to give the unconstitutionally convicted in Louisiana the means to pursue new trials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby support the passage of HB 219 of 2026, which provides post-conviction relief to those in Louisiana who were unconstitutionally convicted by non-unanimous juries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will be forwarded to the Speaker of the Louisiana House, the President of the Louisiana Senate, the Caddo Parish legislative delegation and Governor Jeff Landry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
Chris Kracman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Greg Young	_____	_____	_____	_____
Victor Thomas	_____	_____	_____	_____
John-Paul Young	_____	_____	_____	_____
Roy A. Burrell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Steffon D. Jones	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stormy Gage-Watts	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grace Anne Blake	_____	_____	_____	_____
John E. Atkins	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ron Cothran	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ed Lazarus	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ken Epperson, Sr.	_____	_____	_____	_____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of March, 2026.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney's Office

Date