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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bunkie Police Chief Mary L. Fanara upon her retirement and to congratulate her for her distinguished public service career of thirty-seven years in law enforcement.

WHEREAS, Mary Fanara began her career as a dispatcher for the Bunkie Police Department in May of 1977, as the first female employee of the department; and

WHEREAS, during her initial year of service as the department dispatcher, Mary attended and graduated from the Alexandria Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, as her law enforcement career progressed, Mary began working as a patrol officer, diligently serving her community by answering calls and working traffic details as assigned; and

WHEREAS, even though Mary Fanara's interest in the field of law enforcement continued to grow, she chose to remain in her hometown area; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, she mounted a successful campaign for the office of city marshal and served in that position until 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mary Fanara then campaigned for and won the election in her bid to be the first female chief of police in Bunkie and served a four-year term of office from 1994 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mary continued her career and expanded her law enforcement knowledge and expertise by serving for four years as a detective with the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mary Fanara again campaigned for and won the election for Bunkie's chief of police and will complete four terms as chief upon her retirement on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a heartfelt measure of the highest commendation be extended to Mary L. Fanara for an outstanding career in the field of law enforcement and for her leadership, intellect, and all of the incomparable talents she has lent to the Town of Bunkie and the state, whose citizens will long reap the benefits of her knowledge, expertise, compassion, and professional standard of excellence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mary L. Fanara, police chief of Bunkie, Louisiana, upon her retirement after a long and distinguished career of dedicated law enforcement service spanning thirty-seven years, does hereby record for posterity her noble accomplishments and express appreciation for the deep sense of pride and honor she brings to the Bunkie area and the state, and does hereby extend to her every good wish for success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Police Chief Mary L. Fanara.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES