

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVES CROMER AND PEARSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office on receiving the 2017 Louisiana Sheriff's Association Deputy of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, Deputy Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux has been a deputy sheriff with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office since 2007; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Deputy Ardeneaux serves as a model employee who prides himself on his professionalism, personality, and passion for his career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ardeneaux exemplified bravery and selflessness during several situations that few law enforcement officers will encounter in their career; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2016, while on approved vacation leave, Deputy Ardeneaux assisted in evacuations during unexpected flooding in Covington, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during these rescue missions, Deputy Ardeneaux suffered from torn ligaments in his shoulder that required surgery; and

WHEREAS, shortly after Deputy Ardeneaux's recovery from his injury, Deputy Ardeneaux decided to participate in an organ donor matching program; and

WHEREAS, through a rare twist of fate, Deputy Ardeneaux was a perfect match for Sergeant Jason Triche, a law enforcement officer in a neighboring parish; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Triche was the surviving victim of a law enforcement officer ambush and shooting in St. John the Baptist Parish and was in dire need of a kidney; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ardeneaux donated his kidney and provided a fellow law enforcement officer with the opportunity to live a normal life with his family and the ability to return to his career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriff's Association presents the Deputy of the Year Award to recognize a deputy sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his duty, and to recognize activities that improve the quality of life in the deputy's community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Deputy Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux on receiving the 2017 Deputy of the Year Award from the Louisiana Sheriff's Association; does hereby recognize his selfless acts both during the flood of 2016 and through his kidney donation to a fellow officer; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his tireless dedication and service to the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Deputy Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES