

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER AND STEVE CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To posthumously commend Deputy Bradford Allen Garafola, Sr., of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office on being the recipient of the 2017 Louisiana Sheriff's Association Deputy Valor Award.

WHEREAS, Deputy Garafola began his law enforcement career in 1992 at the age of twenty-one; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Bradford Allen Garafola, Sr., served the public daily with honor and integrity working for over twenty-four years as a deputy sheriff with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2016, Deputy Garafola responded to a call related to a suspect armed with a rifle; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Garafola confronted the suspect after the suspect had opened fire and taken the lives of two fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to stop the threat, Deputy Garafola proceeded into gunfire with the suspect and lost his life while attempting to aid his fellow officers and protect his community; and

WHEREAS, while making the ultimate sacrifice, Deputy Garafola went above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Garafola's exemplary act of bravery is a true testament to his character, integrity, and law enforcement profession; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriff's Association presents the Deputy Valor Award to recognize a deputy sheriff based on an officer's performance which goes above and beyond the call of duty and any extreme life-threatening acts of bravery; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Garafola merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary public service and for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend and recognize Deputy Bradford Allen Garafola Sr., as the recipient of the 2017 Deputy of Valor Award for his bravery in the face of imminent danger and his record of tireless dedication and service to the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Deputy Bradford Allen Garafola, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES