

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Jennifer Belton for her service and involvement in the Deputies Making a Change youth mentoring program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Deputy Jennifer Belton for her service and involvement in the Ouachita Parish
3 Sheriff's Office Deputies Making a Change youth mentoring program.

4 WHEREAS, Deputies Making a Change (DMAC) is a program with the laudable
5 goal of reducing the incarceration rate among young children in Ouachita Parish; the
6 deputies of DMAC provide mentoring relationships to youth who are failing in school, at
7 risk of being incarcerated, or who have problems with authority; and

8 WHEREAS, DMAC deputies use their knowledge, experience, and a plethora of
9 physical fitness and life skill tools to enhance the thinking ability of young people and to
10 promote positive behaviors; each DMAC deputy is tasked with instilling in the youth the
11 seven core values of the program: discipline, education, accountability, commitment,
12 motivation, respect for authority, and self reliance; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Jennifer Belton has more than twenty years of law enforcement
14 experience with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office; she also has ten years of teaching
15 experience in the Ouachita Parish school system; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Belton is a mentor tutor for Deputies Making a Change and is
17 devoted to educating children and serving her community; she was a G.E.D. instructor for
18 the Ouachita Correctional Center and helped inmates obtain their high school diplomas; she
19 also was an adult education teacher for the Ouachita Parish school board learning center; and

20 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the work of Deputy Belton and DMAC in
21 improving the quality of life of young people in Ouachita Parish, and to publicly

1 acknowledge and pay tribute to her use of both time and talent to teach young people how
2 to achieve beyond their circumstances; Deputy Belton has a vision for every citizen and
3 student to live in a safe environment, to be assured of economic and educational
4 opportunities, and to experience a good quality of life.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Deputy Jennifer Belton for sowing the seeds
7 of change into the lives of at-risk youth in Ouachita Parish and does hereby express best
8 hopes for continued success with Deputies Making a Change.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
10 to Deputy Jennifer Belton.

DIGEST

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