

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the work of Deputy Belton and DMAC in improving the quality of life of young people in Ouachita Parish, and to publicly acknowledge and pay tribute to her use of both time and talent to teach young people how to achieve beyond their circumstances; Deputy Belton has a vision for every citizen and

student to live in a safe environment, to be assured of economic and educational opportunities, and to experience a good quality of life.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES