

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 290

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Fred Middleton on receiving the 2024 Deputy of the Year Award from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

WHEREAS, Fred Middleton serves as the chief deputy under Sheriff David Hendrick of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, since taking the oath of office as chief deputy in 2020, Chief Deputy Middleton has shown exceptional initiative in the performance of his duties and worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Middleton has worked to implement programs that benefit survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, and child solicitation; with Sheriff Hendrick's approval, he developed a state-of-the-art Cyber Crime Unit (CCU) to enhance the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office's investigative response to online predators, and he secured a partnership with Operation Underground Railroad to help cover the price of these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Middleton played a major role in the addition of a victim advocate at the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office; this advocate serves as a liaison between the CCU and victims; and

WHEREAS, Chief Middleton continues to work to enhance the CCU and recently obtained a \$70,000 grant from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement for an online victim recovery program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriff's Association and its president, Sheriff Doug Hebert, have chosen Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office chief deputy, Fred Middleton, as the

2024 Deputy of the Year for his inspiring work to improve his community; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his dedication to the protection of victims of abuse.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Fred Middleton on receiving the 2024 Deputy of the Year Award from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue his excellent work to improve the quality of life in Concordia Parish and the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES