

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sergeant Carolyn R. Stapleton upon her retirement and many accomplishments with Crime Victims Assistance of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sergeant Carolyn R. Stapleton on her retirement and many accomplishments,  
3 with Crime Victims Assistance of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

4 WHEREAS, Carolyn R. Stapleton has lead a very successful career in assisting crime  
5 victims and their families through traumatic times; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Baker High School, she was hired by the East Baton  
7 Rouge Parish Sheriff's office in 2001, graduated from the Louisiana State University Law  
8 Enforcement Basic Training Academy in 2002, graduated from the Louisiana State Victim  
9 Assistance Academy in 2007, and completed the National Victim Assistance Academy  
10 Leadership institution in 2008, and received her National Advocate Credential as a  
11 Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist through the National Organization for Victim  
12 Assistance; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stapleton has made a life of helping others not only a career  
14 but a hobby and way of life; and

15 WHEREAS, she has attended court hearings with victims to ensure that their rights  
16 were upheld; and

17 WHEREAS, she would often make hospital visits to comfort families and assist in  
18 funeral preparation; and

1           WHEREAS, her clients knew that they could depend on her to check on them and  
2 to help them through their life- changing situations lending any assistance that she possibly  
3 could; and

4           WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, Sergeant  
5 Stapleton has held numerous victim impact panels for the community and mandated prison  
6 pre-release programs; and

7           WHEREAS, since the time of her initial employment with the sheriff's office, she has  
8 worked in two capacities, as Crime Victims Assistance Coordinator and Grants and Training  
9 Coordinator; and

10          WHEREAS, Sergeant Stapleton has also pursued and successfully encouraged  
11 legislation which was authored by Senator Francis Thompson and Senator Bodie White  
12 which expanded the Crime Victim Reparations Board to include further assistance to  
13 families of incest victims allowing the claimant to receive loss of support, and to make  
14 available lost wages to parents of children victims of crime, when the parent had to lose  
15 work to take care of the child; and

16          WHEREAS, she has earned numerous awards for her accomplishments including,  
17 the National Sheriff's Association Victim Services Award, and National Community  
18 Awareness Award which was presented by the Office of Crime within the Department of  
19 Justice; and

20          WHEREAS, Sergeant Stapleton also founded and coordinates both the Evening of  
21 Remembrance and Flowers on the Lake for victims of crime in East Baton Rouge Parish,  
22 which is hosted annually by the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office; and

23          WHEREAS, the Evening of Remembrance recognizes victims and surviving family  
24 members of victims of homicide in a very sentimental ceremony and Flowers on the Lake  
25 recognizes all victims and those who have survived any type of crime by placing a flower  
26 in the lake on behalf of themselves and their loved ones; and

27          WHEREAS, Sergeant Stapleton has certainly touched the lives of countless people  
28 in the state of Louisiana as she has not only been a resource but also a friend to victims and  
29 their families during devastating and extremely difficult times in their lives.

30          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 does hereby commend Sergeant Carolyn R. Stapleton on her retirement, many  
2 accomplishments, and sincerely thanks her for her involvement with Crime Victims  
3 Assistance of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
5 Sergeant Carolyn R. Stapleton.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

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DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb

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