

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

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COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sergeant Stephen Rhodes for his dedicated service and heroic actions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sergeant Stephen Rhodes for his dedicated service and heroic actions in  
3 rescuing nine people from a capsized vessel.

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stephen Rhodes was patrolling on Grand Isle in Jefferson  
5 Parish on May 7, 2022, when he observed a vessel with numerous passengers in distress near  
6 the rock jetties and taking on water; and

7 WHEREAS, nearby good Samaritans shuttled Sergeant Rhodes to his truck and  
8 patrol vessel in order to effect a rescue; and

9 WHEREAS, after launching his patrol vessel and arriving on scene, Sergeant Rhodes  
10 found eight people clustered on the overturned vessel's hull and learned that a seven-year-old  
11 girl was still underwater; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhodes immediately dropped his patrol gear and dove in to  
13 search for the girl under the capsized vessel; he quickly found her but she was unresponsive;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, with the assistance of the good Samaritans, Sergeant Rhodes lifted the  
16 little girl onto his enforcement vessel, where he began CPR to revive her; and

17 WHEREAS, after two rounds of performing CPR, Sergeant Rhodes noticed eye  
18 movement, then a heartbeat, and finally the movement of her chest as she began to breathe

