

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and expresses appreciation to Michael David Edmonson for 36 years of dedicated and distinguished law enforcement service, including nine years as Superintendent of Louisiana State Police.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and express appreciation to Michael David Edmonson for thirty-six years of dedicated and distinguished law enforcement service, including nine years as Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

WHEREAS, Michael David Edmonson, a native of Alexandria, Louisiana, graduated from Holy Savior Menard Central High School in 1976, where he played on a state championship baseball team; and

WHEREAS, he then attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and was a walk-on baseball player there until he was permanently sidelined by a knee injury; and

WHEREAS, while he attended college, Edmonson also worked as a security guard at the former Goudchaux's department store in Baton Rouge where he caught a shoplifter and decided on a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he graduated with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree in 1980, attended graduate school at LSU, and subsequently completed the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and the FBI National Executive Institute; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Suzanne Maglone Edmonson and they have four children; Brittney, Michael Jr., Casey, and Cade; and

WHEREAS, in January 1981, at the age of twenty-two, Edmonson joined the

1 Louisiana State Police; from 1982 to 2008, he was assigned as the bodyguard and confidant
2 of all LSU Tigers football coaches from Jerry Stovall to Les Miles; from 2004 to 2006,
3 Edmonson was also the commander of Capitol Detail and Physical Security and managed
4 two Department of Public Safety command sections; and in 2007, he was named the state
5 police training command inspector and managed the State Police Training Academy and the
6 Joint Emergency Services Training Center; and

7 WHEREAS, in January 2008, he was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve
8 as the Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, the highest rank in the organization, also
9 serving as the deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety, an agency with more
10 than 2,900 employees and a budget of nearly \$500 million, which includes the Louisiana
11 Highway Safety Commission, the Office of Management and Finance, the Office of Motor
12 Vehicles, the Office of State Fire Marshal, the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, and
13 the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, in September 2012, Edmonson assumed the chairmanship of the
15 International Association of Chiefs of Police and in 2016 received a lifetime achievement
16 award from the organization; and

17 WHEREAS, among the many honors Colonel Mike Edmonson received was the
18 2013 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award, an award which is awarded annually
19 to deserving officers who have exhibited both heroism and leadership in law enforcement,
20 in honor of his work in unifying state and local police departments; and

21 WHEREAS, he left the office of superintendent of the Louisiana State Police on
22 March 24, 2017, having served the longest tenure of any state police superintendent; and

23 WHEREAS, under his leadership, state and local law enforcement implemented
24 efficiency and technical improvements that gave law enforcement agencies better tools to
25 protect the people of this state, including creating a centralized state sex offender registry
26 and developing a 700-megahertz statewide radio system that connects local law enforcement
27 agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services with state police and federal
28 agencies; and

29 WHEREAS, because of his diligence, dedication, and commitment to protecting the
30 people of Louisiana, it is appropriate that a sincere and heartfelt measure of appreciation be

