

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office on being the recipient of the 2017 Deputy of the Year Award presented by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association presents the Deputy of the Year Award to recognize a deputy sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty, and recognizes activities that improve the quality of life in their community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Andre Ardeneaux began employment with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office in 2007; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he has served as a model employee who prides himself on his professionalism, personality, and passion for his career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ardeneaux exemplified bravery and selflessness during several situations that few law enforcement officers will ever encounter in their career; and

WHEREAS, in March 2016, while on approved vacation leave, Deputy Ardeneaux assisted in evacuations during unexpected flooding in Covington, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during these rescue missions, Deputy Ardeneaux suffered torn ligaments in his shoulder which required surgery; and

WHEREAS, shortly after Deputy Ardeneaux's recovery from this injury he decided to participate in an organ donor matching program; and

WHEREAS, through a rare twist of fate, Deputy Ardeneaux was a perfect match for a law enforcement officer in a neighboring parish, Sergeant Jason Triche; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Triche was the surviving victim of a law enforcement officer ambush shooting in St. John the Baptist Parish, and he was in dire need of a kidney; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ardeneaux donated his kidney and provided a fellow law enforcement officer the opportunity to live a normal life with his family and the ability to return to his career in law enforcement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Deputy Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux on being the recipient of the 2017 Deputy of the Year Award from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; does hereby recognize his selfless acts both during the flood and through kidney donation; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his tireless dedication and service to the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Deputy Robert "Andre" Ardeneaux.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE