

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates the members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department for winning the 2025 Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department for  
3 winning the 2025 Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge.

4 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Fire Department, originally established in 1825 as the  
5 Baton Rouge Bucket Company, has a storied history of service and dedication to the Baton  
6 Rouge community; and

7 WHEREAS, since its founding, the Baton Rouge Fire Department has grown into a  
8 nationally respected leader in the fire service industry; and

9 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Fire Department was the first in the nation to achieve  
10 a Class 1 rating and has remained the only fire department to retain that prestigious  
11 designation for over forty years; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to their primary duty of protecting lives, homes, businesses,  
13 and property within the city of Baton Rouge, the firefighters of the department regularly  
14 participate in competitive fitness challenges that promote physical readiness, teamwork, and  
15 camaraderie among first responders; and

16 WHEREAS, on April 11–12, 2025, members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department  
17 competed in the Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge, held on the sandy shores of  
18 Pensacola Beach; and

1           WHEREAS, this grueling competition featured numerous physically demanding  
2 events, including a forced entry simulation, charged hose pull, kaiser sled, dummy drag, and  
3 hose hoist, requiring adherence to full structural firefighting dress requirements; and

4           WHEREAS, each competitor was required to perform in full firefighting gear,  
5 including boots, gloves, air packs, helmets, and masks; testing their strength, endurance, and  
6 skill under realistic conditions; and

7           WHEREAS, among a field of elite fire departments from across the nation, the Baton  
8 Rouge Fire Department distinguished itself by earning First Place in the Team Competition,  
9 posting the best overall time in the challenge; and

10          WHEREAS, this victory reflects the excellence, discipline, and outstanding physical  
11 endurance of the Baton Rouge Fire Department, and brings pride and recognition not only  
12 to the department but to the entire city of Baton Rouge.

13          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
14 does hereby commend and congratulate the members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department  
15 for winning the 2025 Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge.

16          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Fire  
17 Chief Michael Kimble.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof  
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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