

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY SENATOR JENKINS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends DEA Task Force Officer Rickey Anderson on his selection as the Louisiana Association's Deputy of the Year.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend DEA Task Force Officer Corporal Rickey Anderson of the Caddo Parish
3 Sheriff's Office upon being named the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's Deputy of
4 the Year and to recognize his extraordinary contributions to law enforcement and the
5 safety of the citizens of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Senate proudly acknowledges individuals in law
7 enforcement who demonstrate exceptional dedication, initiative, and commitment to justice
8 and public safety; and

9 WHEREAS, Sheriff K.P. Gibson, President of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association,
10 along with the association's Awards Committee, has selected Corporal Rickey Anderson to
11 receive the prestigious 2025 Louisiana Sheriffs' Association Deputy of the Year Award; and

12 WHEREAS, the award recognizes a deputy sheriff who has shown unusual initiative
13 and imagination in the performance of duty, and who has worked to improve the quality of
14 life in their community through selfless and impactful service; and

15 WHEREAS, Corporal Anderson has served with distinction in the Caddo Parish
16 Sheriff's Office for nearly 32 years, since 1993, and currently serves as a DEA Task Force
17 Officer; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2021, Corporal Anderson began an in-depth investigation following

1 a traffic stop in Shreveport which led to the arrest of Theresa Atkins and Tanner Raney, and
2 the seizure of large quantities of methamphetamine, fentanyl, and counterfeit opioid pills
3 that were found to contain pure fentanyl; and

4 WHEREAS, Atkins admitted to trafficking drugs from El Paso, Texas, and
5 distributing them to individuals in the region, including Martin Thompson, a central figure
6 in a much larger narcotics network; and

7 WHEREAS, refusing to stop at a surface-level arrest, Corporal Anderson undertook
8 a tireless and exhaustive investigation that included analyzing cell phone records, conducting
9 interviews, and tracing drug distribution channels throughout Northwest Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, through his efforts, Corporal Anderson helped uncover a fentanyl
11 trafficking ring tied to the death of Jason Grubb, who tragically overdosed in May 2021 after
12 ingesting fentanyl pills distributed by Courtney Cox, obtained from Martin Thompson; and

13 WHEREAS, Corporal Anderson's work led to multiple arrests and the first-ever
14 federal convictions in the Western District of Louisiana, and in the United States, for the
15 distribution of fentanyl resulting in death; and

16 WHEREAS, five individuals were ultimately convicted and sentenced to federal
17 prison, including Martin Thompson (20 years), Courtney Cox (10 years), Theresa Atkins (10
18 years), Tanner Raney (8 years), and Rachel Hassell (7 years), thanks to Corporal Anderson's
19 leadership and persistence; and

20 WHEREAS, Corporal Anderson often continued the investigation on his own time,
21 demonstrating an unwavering commitment to protecting his community and bringing justice
22 to the victims of the opioid crisis; and

23 WHEREAS, his exemplary service has not only removed dangerous drugs and
24 criminals from Louisiana streets, but has also helped set a legal precedent in the national
25 fight against fentanyl-related deaths; and

26 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Senate joins the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association in
27 commending Corporal Anderson's outstanding service and congratulates him on being
28 named the 2025 Deputy of the Year.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
30 does hereby commend DEA Task Force Officer Corporal Rickey Anderson for his nearly

1 32 years of distinguished service with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, and does hereby
2 recognize him as the recipient of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association Deputy of the Year
3 Award for 2025.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to DEA
5 Task Force Officer Corporal Rickey Anderson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
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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