

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Chief Judge Ree Casey Jones and Caddo Juvenile Court on the achievements of S.T.A.R. Court, Louisiana's first specialized court against human trafficking

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Chief Judge Ree Casey Jones and Caddo Juvenile Court on the achievements
3 of S.T.A.R. Court, Louisiana's first specialized court against human trafficking.

4 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Chief Judge Ree Casey Jones, the Caddo
5 Juvenile Court, and the Juvenile Probation Department for their efforts to combat human
6 trafficking in the parish; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Jones, the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, and the Juvenile
8 Probation Department have worked with the parish's community partners to develop
9 innovative interventions for youth who are at high risk for human trafficking and victims of
10 human trafficking; and

11 WHEREAS, these efforts began in 2013 with the development of the Caddo-Bossier
12 Community Response Team; the multi-disciplinary team calls on community partners to
13 meet every two weeks to develop trauma-informed and comprehensive service plans for
14 high-risk youth and victims of human trafficking; and

15 WHEREAS, the Caddo-Bossier Community Response Team's approach has been
16 replicated in parishes across Louisiana; in 2015, the Specialized Intensive Probation Unit
17 was implemented with two highly-trained and skilled probation officers who supervise a
18 caseload of high-risk and confirmed victims who are involved in the juvenile justice system;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, S.T.A.R. Court was introduced in Caddo Parish on March 1, 2019; the
2 court is Louisiana's first trafficking-specific specialized court; the court uses a phase system
3 and incentives to encourage participants to follow the conditions of probation, make better
4 choices, and participate in long-term treatment, support, and recovery; and

5 WHEREAS, S.T.A.R. Court's specialized response system is most deserving of the
6 highest recognition for providing unique opportunities, treatment, and support for Caddo
7 Parish youth and the community at large.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Chief Judge Ree Casey Jones and Caddo
10 Juvenile Court on the achievements of Louisiana's first S.T.A.R. Court against human
11 trafficking and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for their efforts to support and
12 protect Caddo Parish at-risk youth.

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