BY SENATOR JOHNS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and acknowledge the efforts of the probation and parole officers of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice and to designate July 21-27, 2014, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week.

WHEREAS, supervision at the community level is an essential part of the justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Juvenile Justice, Youth Services, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (OJJ) probation and parole officers are responsible for supervising juvenile offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers uphold the law with dignity, while protecting the public from criminal activity, fulfilling a vital role in the public safety function; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers are trained professionals who provide services to offenders and referrals for offenders, factoring significantly in the reduction of recidivism; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers provide services, support, and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers work in partnership with community agencies and groups to promote prevention, intervention and advocacy programs; and

WHEREAS, probation and parole officers advocate for restorative justice; and WHEREAS, probation and parole officers are a true force for positive change in the lives of young people in their communities.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and acknowledge the efforts of the Probation and Parole Officers of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice and to designate July 21-27, 2014, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens are hereby encouraged to honor these community probation and parole professionals and to recognize their achievements.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE