

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 202

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERTHELOT, LAMBERT, PRICE, AND SCHEXNAYDER  
AND SENATORS AMEDEE AND BROWN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sergeant Chad Stafford of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office for his heroic rescue of a two-year-old boy from drowning.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Chad Stafford is a veteran of more than fifteen years of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, as well as a native and resident of Gonzales; and

WHEREAS, one of the missions of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office is to protect life; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2014, Sergeant Stafford was in the performance of his duties as a civil process server with the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office when he heard a child screaming at a pond on the grounds of the Mansions of Ivy Lakes apartment complex in Gonzales; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stafford immediately ran to the bank of the pond and saw a two-year-old boy going under the water at the other end of the pond; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stafford ran along the bank of the pond and then jumped into the water and swam to the child; and

WHEREAS, when Sergeant Stafford arrived at the child only the child's feet were above water; and

WHEREAS, the water at that location was over Sergeant Stafford's head; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stafford pulled the child's head out of the water and swam to the bank of the pond with the child; and

WHEREAS, due to the prompt action of Sergeant Stafford, the child sustained no injuries from the near drowning; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stafford should be commended for his selfless actions in saving the life of a child.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the actions of Sergeant Chad Stafford in performing his duties as an Ascension Parish Sheriff's deputy to the highest standards and does hereby record for posterity his exemplary response to an emergency which resulted in a life-saving rescue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Sergeant Chad Stafford and Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE