

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATORS PERRY, BOUDREAUX, CORTEZ AND MILLS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Lafayette Parish Sheriff Mike Neustrom on the occasion of his retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and express appreciation to Mike Neustrom for thirty-eight years of dedicated
3 and distinguished law enforcement service and four terms as the Lafayette Parish
4 Sheriff on the occasion of his much deserved retirement.

5 WHEREAS, Michael Neustrom grew up in New Iberia, Louisiana, and was a
6 graduate of Catholic High School; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Neustrom moved to Lafayette in 1965 to pursue an education at
8 the University of Southwest Louisiana (USL) on a football scholarship, after winning two
9 conference championships and serving as captain his senior year, and working one year as
10 a graduate assistant, he graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, and in
11 2005 he was inducted into the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Football Hall of Fame;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he served as director of the University Police from 1970 to 1974 before
14 leaving to further his education, moving his wife and three children to Huntsville, Texas,
15 where he obtained a master's degree in police science and also earned a Doctorate in
16 Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University, participated in post doctoral programs
17 at the University of Michigan and at Boston University, and executive development training
18 for the FBI, in Quantico, Virginia; and

1 WHEREAS, from 1977 until his election in 2000, he served as a professor of
2 criminal justice at the University of Louisiana Lafayette and also held the position as
3 department head, during that same period he served as director of the Acadiana Law
4 Enforcement Training Academy, a regional police training facility, which provides basic law
5 enforcement training to an eight parish area; and

6 WHEREAS, he is married to Ceci O'Keefe Neustrom and through this union they are
7 the loving parents of six wonderful children and have been blessed with a number of
8 cherished grandchildren, and were the recipients of the "Family of the Year" by Monsignor
9 Alexander Sigur; and

10 WHEREAS, Mike has proudly and bravely served in the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's
11 Office for four terms, and in some capacity of law enforcement for thirty-eight years, he has
12 focused on reducing crime and improving public safety; and under his leadership the office
13 earned the coveted Triple Crown Award for accreditation from the National Sheriff's
14 Association - a recognition granted to only thirty-seven agencies in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Mike Neustrom is a highly admired citizen of Louisiana who works
16 tirelessly on a multitude of business, civic, and religious causes, among some he is
17 co-founder of St. Joseph's Diner and the former president of Lafayette Catholic Service
18 Center, a board member of AMI Kids, and a master gardener; and

19 WHEREAS, he plans on enjoying some of his hobbies upon retirement, including
20 but not limited to walking, swimming, guitar, golf and, more recently, fishing; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a sincere and heartfelt measure of appreciation be
22 expressed to Mike Neustrom for his remarkable term of professional service, including his
23 guidance and leadership to his community, his parish, his state, and his country; and

24 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
25 and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Mike
26 Neustrom who use their talents and resources to lead by example, with ethics, and integrity.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby commend and express appreciation to Mike Neustrom for his years of dedicated
29 and distinguished law enforcement service and as the Lafayette Parish Sheriff for four terms
30 on the occasion of his retirement and wishes him much success in all his future endeavors.

