

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jerry C. Waller on being sworn in as the chief of police of Anacoco, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Jerry C. Waller was sworn in as the chief of police of Anacoco, Louisiana, on May 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chief Waller was victorious in the runoff election on April 28, 2018, receiving just over sixty-seven percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Chief Waller moved to Vernon Parish while stationed at Fort Polk; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, he was transferred to Korea and upon his return to the United States, relocated his family to Anacoco, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during active duty, he was involved in local law enforcement as a reserve officer with the Leesville Police Department from 1987 through 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Chief Waller retired from the United States Army at the age of thirty-seven with twenty years of service; and

WHEREAS, he was encouraged to run for the chief of police position in Anacoco by the chief of police at that time, Jack Martin; and

WHEREAS, Chief Waller won that election and served in that position from 1993 through July 1999; and

WHEREAS, he left Anacoco for several years to care for his mother and stepfather in Florida, where he worked in the healthcare industry, but eventually returned to Anacoco and to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, Chief Waller worked at the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office as a jailer and shift supervisor and resigned in order to run for the chief of police position in Anacoco; and

WHEREAS, as Anacoco's police chief once again, Chief Waller's promise to the community is that he will always be available when needed; and

WHEREAS, one of his goals is to increase the Anacoco police presence during the open and close of businesses and at each church in the mornings, and he hopes to offer support to school resource officers as well; and

WHEREAS, Chief Waller and his wife, Eva, have six grown children and twenty grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chief Jerry C. Waller, one of Louisiana's finest sons, is a deeply beloved member of the Anacoco community who has earned the respect and admiration of the countless citizens whose lives he has touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Chief Jerry C. Waller on his election and swearing in as chief of police of Anacoco, Louisiana, and for his service to the United States as a member of the armed forces, does hereby express to him enduring appreciation for his distinguished service to the citizens of Vernon Parish, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chief Jerry C. Waller.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE