



1           WHEREAS, Mr. Lapoint was also responsible for drug asset forfeiture cases,  
2 including the largest narcotics seizure in Louisiana history, valued at \$3.4 million, which he  
3 argued all the way to the United States Supreme Court; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Lapoint's service went beyond prosecution; he initiated the drug  
5 intervention program in Jefferson Davis Parish which allows young, first time drug offenders  
6 to obtain treatment in lieu of jail time for simple possession of narcotics; successful  
7 completion of the intervention program allowed participants to avoid a felony conviction on  
8 their records; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Lapoint recognized that addiction is an illness that requires  
10 treatment rather than incarceration and he was very proud of the young men and women  
11 who, through successful completion of the intervention program, were able regain control  
12 of their lives; Bennett R. Lapoint has been a truly exemplary servant to the people of  
13 Louisiana, and his work as assistant district attorney in the Thirty-first Judicial District is  
14 undoubtedly deserving of recognition.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
16 commend Bennett R. Lapoint on the occasion of his retirement as assistant district attorney  
17 of Jefferson Davis Parish; does hereby express most sincere appreciation for his efforts to  
18 help reform communities afflicted by drug abuse; and does hereby extend hopes and wishes  
19 for his continued good health and prosperity as he begins a new journey in retirement.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
21 Bennett R. Lapoint.

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DIGEST

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Commends Bennett R. Lapoint, assistant district attorney in Jefferson Davis Parish, on his retirement.