

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Captain Kenneth Wayne Martin of the Baton Rouge Police Department upon his promotion to Uniform Patrol Commander.

WHEREAS, Wayne Martin is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and grew up in North Baton Rouge as an only child; and

WHEREAS, Captain Martin graduated from Redemptorist High School in 1982 and he is fifty-five years of age; and

WHEREAS, he has been married to the love of his life, Catherine, for thirty-one years and they have four children and thirteen grandchildren who are all the light of his life; and

WHEREAS, Captain Martin joined the Baton Rouge Police Department in 1992 and graduated at the top of his academy class; and

WHEREAS, since joining the department, Wayne Martin has worked in Uniform Patrol, the K-9 Unit, and as a member of the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team; and

WHEREAS, he holds the rank of captain and was recently promoted to the position of Uniform Patrol Commander; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-six years working in the K-9 Unit, Captain Martin partnered with four different police dogs and was the commander of that unit for seven years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the K-9 Unit, Captain Martin and his veteran K-9 team were so exceptional that they were certified by the United States Police Canine Association to train other departments' K-9 units and he and his partner were awarded the "Region 10 Top Dog" honor five times; and

WHEREAS, while only a sergeant, Wayne Martin was selected to attend and successfully completed the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command course, an indication of his intention to be a leader in the department and his commitment to it as well; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Captain Martin was named "Police Officer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, he served twenty-four years in the SWAT Unit and was an operational commander upon his retirement from that unit; and

WHEREAS, Captain Martin is a devoted Christian and he states that, "God is the most important aspect of my life. I strongly believe that we should put ourselves second in everything in life. God is first. Family, friends, co-workers, and even strangers' needs should always come first"; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Martin lives those words in his life and work every day and his attitude and the depth of feeling and concern he has for others have been key in his selfless service with the Baton Rouge Police Department; and

WHEREAS, with over twenty years' experience in both the SWAT and K-9 Units and having served as commander of those two demanding units, Captain Wayne Martin has shown both his exceptional ability to command and his unquestioned dedication to the police department, both qualities to be respected and commended as he advances to the position of Uniform Patrol Commander.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Captain Kenneth Wayne Martin of the Baton Rouge Police Department upon his promotion to Uniform Patrol Commander.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Captain Kenneth Wayne Martin of the Baton Rouge Police Department.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE