



1 lieutenant, eventually becoming an administrative lieutenant in 2008 for Precinct 1, a  
2 crime-prone area of downtown and north Lafayette, staying there through her promotion to  
3 captain; and

4 WHEREAS, she worked as an investigator in youth services, dealing with juvenile  
5 cases, an adjustment that she loved as it provided a chance to reach kids which then reached  
6 the parents; and

7 WHEREAS, not only was Luraine Richard the longest-employed female officer in  
8 the department, she was the first to earn a supervisory role, trailblazing her way through  
9 promotions to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain; she was the first commander of an entire  
10 precinct, and the first woman to achieve the rank of major, making her one of three officers  
11 holding the most senior rank below chief; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Richard earned a reputation for being fair but firm with a strong  
13 work ethic and a professional demeanor, encouraging new officers coming into the  
14 department to find balance in their work, not taking it home with them, and treating people  
15 with respect; and

16 WHEREAS, Major Richard has been recognized for bringing a sense of calm, cool,  
17 collected, objective, rational thinking, reasonableness, and leadership to the department and  
18 the Lafayette community; and

19 WHEREAS, in retirement, she plans to spend more time with her three daughters,  
20 son, and three grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a heartfelt measure of the highest commendation  
22 be extended to Luraine Richard for an outstanding career in the field of law enforcement and  
23 for her incomparable talents she has lent to the city of Lafayette and the state, whose citizens  
24 will long reap the benefits of her knowledge, expertise, compassion, and professional  
25 standard of excellence.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
27 commend and congratulate Major Luraine Richard of the Lafayette Police Department upon  
28 her retirement after a long and distinguished career of dedicated law enforcement service  
29 spanning thirty-six years, does hereby record for posterity her accomplishments, and express  
30 appreciation for the deep sense of pride and honor she brings to the Lafayette area and the

