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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY SENATOR CONNICK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sergeant Stephen Rhodes for his dedicated service and heroic actions.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Sergeant Stephen Rhodes for his dedicated service and heroic actions in
3	rescuing nine people from a capsized vessel.
4	WHEREAS, Sergeant Stephen Rhodes was patrolling on Grand Isle in Jefferson
5	Parish on May 7, 2022, when he observed a vessel with numerous passengers in distress near
6	the rock jetties and taking on water; and
7	WHEREAS, nearby good Samaritans shuttled Sergeant Rhodes to his truck and
8	patrol vessel in order to effect a rescue; and
9	WHEREAS, after launching his patrol vessel and arriving on scene, Sergeant Rhodes
10	found eight people clustered on the overturned vessel's hull and learned that a seven-year-old
11	girl was still underwater; and
12	WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhodes immediately dropped his patrol gear and dove in to
13	search for the girl under the capsized vessel; he quickly found her but she was unresponsive;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, with the assistance of the good Samaritans, Sergeant Rhodes lifted the
16	little girl onto his enforcement vessel, where he began CPR to revive her; and
17	WHEREAS, after two rounds of performing CPR, Sergeant Rhodes noticed eye
18	movement, then a heartbeat, and finally the movement of her chest as she began to breathe

1	again; and	
2	WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhodes secured the girl in his vessel and sped to the nearby	
3	Bridge Side Marina, where paramedics were waiting to airlift her to Children's Hospital in	
4	New Orleans; and	
5	WHEREAS, after a brief stay in the hospital, the young girl has fully recovered and	
6	returned home; and	
7	WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhodes is a fifteen-year veteran of the Louisiana Department	
8	of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division, who has dedicated his career to educating	
9	the public on safe boating practices and enforcing boating safety laws; he is recognized by	
10	his supervisors and coworkers as a professional, dedicated to the community he serves and	
11	the mission of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.	
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana	
13	does hereby commend Sergeant Stephen Rhodes on his years of dedicated service and on the	
14	selflessness and bravery that he personified on May 7, 2022, when he rescued nine people	
15	from their capsized vessel and saved the life of a seven-year-old girl.	
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to	
17	Sergeant Stephen Rhodes.	

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob Wilson.

	DIGEST	
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Commends Sgt. Stephen Rhodes on his heroic actions in rescuing nine people from a capsized boat and resuscitating a seven-year-old girl.