

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 113

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department for winning the 2025 Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge.

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Fire Department, originally established in 1825 as the Baton Rouge Bucket Company, has a storied history of service and dedication to the Baton Rouge community; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Baton Rouge Fire Department has grown into a nationally respected leader in the fire service industry; and

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Fire Department was the first in the nation to achieve a Class 1 rating and has remained the only fire department to retain that prestigious designation for over forty years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their primary duty of protecting lives, homes, businesses, and property within the city of Baton Rouge, the firefighters of the department regularly participate in competitive fitness challenges that promote physical readiness, teamwork, and camaraderie among first responders; and

WHEREAS, on April 11–12, 2025, members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department competed in the Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge, held on the sandy shores of Pensacola Beach; and

WHEREAS, this grueling competition featured numerous physically demanding events, including a forced entry simulation, charged hose pull, kaiser sled, dummy drag, and hose hoist, requiring adherence to full structural firefighting dress requirements; and

WHEREAS, each competitor was required to perform in full firefighting gear, including boots, gloves, air packs, helmets, and masks; testing their strength, endurance, and skill under realistic conditions; and

WHEREAS, among a field of elite fire departments from across the nation, the Baton Rouge Fire Department distinguished itself by earning First Place in the Team Competition, posting the best overall time in the challenge; and

WHEREAS, this victory reflects the excellence, discipline, and outstanding physical endurance of the Baton Rouge Fire Department, and brings pride and recognition not only to the department but to the entire city of Baton Rouge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the members of the Baton Rouge Fire Department for winning the 2025 Pensacola Beach Firefighters Challenge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Fire Chief Michael Kimble.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE