

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN, COX AND HOWARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Natchitoches Fire Chief Dennie Boyt upon his retirement.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Natchitoches Fire Chief Dennie C. Boyt upon his retirement.

3 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana and the citizens
4 of Louisiana have learned of the much deserved retirement of Natchitoches Fire Chief
5 Dennie Boyt; and

6 WHEREAS, Dennie Boyt was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana on January 26, 1952,
7 and is a lifelong native of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, he is a 1970 graduate of Natchitoches High School, attended
9 Community College of the Air Force, Louisiana State University-Eunice, and Northwestern
10 State University; and

11 WHEREAS, on February 15, 1974, Chief Boyt began his career at the Natchitoches
12 Fire Department and proceeded to work for the department for the next four decades, serving
13 in every rank from firefighter to fire chief; and

14 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2003, Chief Boyt was named fire chief of the Natchitoches
15 Fire Department and served in that capacity until his retirement on May 1, 2013; and

16 WHEREAS, one of the priorities of Chief Boyt during his leadership was the
17 continued professional development of the department's staff; and

18 WHEREAS, to that end, the department entered a cooperative endeavor agreement

1 with the Louisiana Technical College (LTC) for the location of the Natchitoches Fire
2 Department Training Center to be at LTC's Natchitoches Campus; and

3 WHEREAS, the Natchitoches Fire Department Training Center offers a curriculum
4 of firefighting and emergency medical technician and provides training for the employees
5 of the Natchitoches Fire Department as well as personnel from other fire departments; and

6 WHEREAS, with the appropriate training readily available, the department initiated
7 a comprehensive International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) firefighter
8 certification program that mandated each member of the department be certified equivalent
9 to his rank; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Boyt realized that to truly be successful, the department would
11 also need investments to be made in technology and equipment; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Boyt wrote proposals for numerous grants and the resulting
13 funding was used to renovate the Central Fire Station as well as purchase updated and
14 improved firefighting equipment including: a 100-foot aerial apparatus, a rescue vehicle,
15 three command vehicles, self-contained breathing apparatus, air compressor/cascade system,
16 700 MHz radios, urban search and rescue equipment for confined spaces, vehicle extrication
17 equipment, thermal imaging cameras, and three new fire engines, and the replacement of all
18 firefighter turnout gear; and

19 WHEREAS, under Chief Boyt's leadership, the efforts made to improve the training
20 of personnel and the technology and equipment available resulted in a significant increase
21 in the department's Public Protection Classification (PPC) which measures a community's
22 ability to suppress fires, from a Class 3/4 to a Class 2 classification, which is a very
23 impressive improvement in the PPC that has a positive impact on the availability and price
24 of property insurance within the jurisdiction; and

25 WHEREAS, Chief Boyt has stated that it was his goal for the department to be
26 considered progressive and on the leading edge of fire service; and

27 WHEREAS, Chief Boyt has met and exceeded his goals for the department and can
28 enter his retirement knowing he is leaving a well-trained, well-equipped, and professional
29 department; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to his civilian life, Chief Boyt was also a distinguished

1 member of the United States Air Force Reserve from 1971 to 2003, serving in Operation
2 Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom and retiring from
3 his service as a senior master sergeant; and

4 WHEREAS, after all of his professional accomplishments, Dennie Boyt truly
5 deserves to spend the rest of his days traveling with the love of his life Joyce, spending
6 precious time with his children Derek, Angela, Zack, Rick, Rachel, and Aimee, and spoiling
7 his eleven cherished grandchildren.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 commend and congratulate Natchitoches Fire Chief Dennie Boyt on his numerous
10 accomplishments and achievements as fire chief and on his much deserved retirement from
11 the Natchitoches Fire Department and wishes him success in all his future endeavors.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
13 Dennie Boyt.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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