

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY SENATOR CLAITOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and acknowledge the efforts of the employees of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, youth services, office of juvenile justice (OJJ).

WHEREAS, office of juvenile justice (OJJ) staff are trained professionals dedicated to maintaining and managing secure care facilities and ensuring the public safety; and

WHEREAS, OJJ employees are responsible for the treatment of Louisiana's young people every year through a quality system of care that embraces partnerships with families, communities, and system partners to assist youth in redirecting their lives toward responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, OJJ employees work in very demanding and stressful conditions caring for a high risk population, face many challenges, and put themselves at risk every day; and

WHEREAS, OJJ employees are dedicated to assisting youth in setting goals, making healthy choices, building relationships, and creating enrichment opportunities for self growth; and

WHEREAS, OJJ employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including juvenile justice specialists, social service workers, medical, supervisors, administrators, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, OJJ staff are outcome oriented in achieving results consistent with the mission while constantly striving to offer individualized and appropriate treatment to youth based on national best practices; and

WHEREAS, OJJ secure-care staff work with their community-based partners to coordinate services for youth while preparing them for reentry and life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, OJJ staff rise to meet almost any challenge and serve this honorable profession with honesty, integrity, transparency, and inclusion of all parties; and

WHEREAS, OJJ employees deserve the recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, the public, and our elected officials for the tremendous job they do and for the exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances; and

WHEREAS, May 3-9, 2015, is designated National Correctional Employees Week.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and acknowledge the efforts of the employees of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, youth services, office of juvenile justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens of Louisiana are hereby urged and encouraged to honor these correctional professionals and to recognize their achievements.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES