

2017 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, JENKINS, AND NORTON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Captain Jacqueline Vinson-Willis upon her retirement from the Shreveport Police Department after more than thirty-three years of service

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Captain Jacqueline Vinson-Willis upon her retirement from the Shreveport
3 Police Department after more than thirty-three years of service.

4 WHEREAS, as a devoted mother and wife, Captain Jacqueline Vinson-Willis wanted
5 to make a difference in the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, where her children would be
6 raised; and

7 WHEREAS, Captain Jacqueline Vinson-Willis took the oath to serve and protect the
8 citizens of Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1983; and

9 WHEREAS, during the 1980s, it was difficult being a female law enforcement
10 officer, but Captain Vinson-Willis stood the test of time; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past thirty-three years, Captain Vinson-Willis rose through the
12 ranks of the Shreveport Police Department as an officer, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, and,
13 eventually, as captain; and

14 WHEREAS, Captain Vinson-Willis served in many different areas within the
15 Shreveport Police Department including the Human Resource Department, Criminal
16 Intelligence Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and Detective Unit; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain Vinson-Willis currently supervises all community liaison
18 officers, the community response unit, the neighborhood assistance team, police pastors on
19 patrol, and auxiliary members; and

1 WHEREAS, Captain Vinson-Willis has been a true asset to the Shreveport Police
2 Department and has assisted in recruiting many police officers to the Shreveport area to
3 make the community safe; and

4 WHEREAS, in the 1990's, the city of Shreveport was plagued by gang violence and
5 daily drive-by shootings; Captain Vinson-Willis worked in the Criminal Intel Unit to
6 personally identify and open dialogue with known gang members in the Shreveport area; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Captain Vinson-Willis continued to combat the
8 gang problem in Shreveport; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Vinson-Willis participated in the 1989 anti-gang initiative
10 Operation Take, Hold, Organize, and Return (THOR) and from 2007 through 2015, Captain
11 Vinson-Willis participated in Operation Taking Back Our Neighborhoods Everyday
12 (TBONE), which resulted in the lowest homicide rate for over an eight and one-half period
13 in Shreveport history and five of the six lowest annual homicide totals ever recorded in the
14 history of Shreveport; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Vinson-Willis spent her final years with the Shreveport Police
16 Department working to make a long lasting difference in her community by focusing on the
17 Community Oriented Policing Unit; under her leadership, Captain Vinson-Willis has
18 implemented many new programs for the youth in Shreveport including Girls are Butterflies,
19 Boys Youth Enrichment, Law and Youth Academy, and Apartment Manager Training; and

20 WHEREAS, Captain Vinson-Willis will always remain an inspiration to her fellow
21 officers and community for the vital contributions she has made in her long career of public
22 service.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Captain Jacqueline Vinson-Willis upon her
25 retirement from the Shreveport Police Department; does hereby express enduring
26 appreciation to her for her career of exemplary public services and her contributions to the
27 city of Shreveport; and does hereby extend to her every good wish for success and happiness
28 in all of her future endeavors.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to Captain Jacqueline Vinson-Willis.

DIGEST

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