

2017 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, JENKINS, AND NORTON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES