

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVES KATZ AND ROSALIND JONES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jimmie Ray Bryant, Sr., fire chief for the city of Monroe, for his outstanding accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Jimmie Ray Bryant, Sr., Monroe's superb fire chief, for his singular achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, and he received a bachelor of science degree in organizational management from Wiley College; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant served with distinction with the Shreveport Fire Department for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, since July of 1998, Chief Bryant has been serving with great productivity and effectiveness as fire chief for the city of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Bryant's excellent leadership, the department's fire rating has earned a designation of Class Number One, the highest designation possible, and the department has sustained one of the highest Firefighter I state testing pass rates; he also has acquired hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal grants for fire department improvement and secured more than seven million dollars for infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant has been the deserving recipient of numerous honors and awards, including being named Shreveport's Firefighter of the Year in 1997, the American Legion's Firefighter of the Year in 2000, the Black Chief Officers Committee's Chief Fire Officer of the Year in 2006, and the Louisiana Fire Chief of the Year by the state fire marshal in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant adheres to the following worthy motto: "Give people more than they expect to get"; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant is dedicated to improving his community and the quality of life of his family and friends through his professional and personal relationships, and he is widely respected and admired for being fair and helping those around him reach their maximum potential and be all they can be; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant's professional affiliations include the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Black Chief Officers Association, the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, and the Ouachita Parish Emergency Preparedness advisory board, and he also serves on the executive board of the United Way of Northeast Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bryant merits a special measure of commendation as one of the state's finest public servants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jimmie Ray Bryant, Sr., fire chief for the city of Monroe, for his outstanding accomplishments, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the tremendous pride and honor he brings to the city of Monroe and to the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jimmie Ray Bryant, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES