

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Colonel Mike Edmonson, Superintendent of State Police, on receiving the 2013 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award.

WHEREAS, the Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award was named for Buford Pusser, who served as sheriff of McNairy County, Tennessee, beginning in 1964, where he gained fame during his service by battling criminals operating on the Tennessee-Mississippi border; and

WHEREAS, during his service he was the victim of seven stabbings, was forced to kill two criminals in the line of duty, and tragically lost his wife in an assassination attempt on his life; and

WHEREAS, because of the example set by his courageous and dedicated service, the people of McNair County and the state of Tennessee have created an award in his name, which every year is awarded to deserving officers who have exhibited both heroism and leadership in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, at the twenty-fifth annual award banquet this year, Louisiana State Police Superintendent Colonel Mike Edmonson was named the 2013 recipient of the Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Edmonson received the award in honor of his work in unifying state and local police departments; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, state and local law enforcement have implemented efficiency and technical improvements that have given law enforcement agencies better tools to protect the people of this state, including creating a centralized state sex offender registry

and developing a 700-megahertz statewide radio system that connects local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services with state police and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, because of his diligence, dedication, and commitment to protecting the people of Louisiana, no one is more deserving to receive such a high honor than Colonel Edmonson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Colonel Mike Edmonson on receiving the 2013 Buford Pusser National Law Enforcement Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Colonel Mike Edmonson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES