

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATORS JOHNS, ABRAHAM AND REESE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend former district attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, John F. DeRosier, for his many years of outstanding public service to the city of Lake Charles, the parish of Calcasieu, and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, John F. DeRosier attended undergraduate school at the University of Southwest Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana, and entered Louisiana State University Law School in 1967; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the Marine Corp as a machine gunner during law school, spent eleven months in Vietnam, was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V.", and reentered law school upon his return to the states; and

WHEREAS, as a Lake Charles resident of forty-eight years, John DeRosier had a law practice that focused on civil litigation, personal injury, and criminal law until his election as district attorney; he also served as City Attorney for the City of Lake Charles and General Counsel for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier serves on the Boy Scouts Board of Directors and is past president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association; and

WHEREAS, he took the oath of office for district attorney on December 20, 2005, was re-elected in 2008 and again in 2014; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier founded the 100 Black Men of Lake Charles organization, established the Case Review Team to improve communications with law enforcement, and created the Calcasieu Full Force group to target DWI offenders in response to the excessive number of traffic fatalities and a 60% increase in DWIs; and

WHEREAS, he also worked with legislators for the enactment of numerous items of legislation in both the Louisiana and Texas legislatures relative to the regulation of pain

management clinics and the legal distribution of controlled dangerous substances in the form of narcotic pain medication and other controlled dangerous substances; prior to this time, Texas had no statutes to regulate the ownership, management, and operation of pain management clinics within its borders; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier has been proactive and implemented an aggressive campaign to capture and prosecute online sexual predators and reestablished the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program; and

WHEREAS, he assisted in the formation of Adult Drug Court, DWI Court, and Veterans Court and established the "Fatal Vision" DWI Simulation Program that travels to schools to demonstrate the effects of impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 Louisiana legislative session, John DeRosier advocated "doctor shopping" legislation to decrease the number of deaths from "pain management" prescription drug overdoses in our young adult population; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in organizing a task force of Louisiana and Texas legislators, law enforcement, and administrative agencies to combat the proliferation of pain management clinics in Southeast Texas and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier has spoken at numerous conferences, as well as the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, the DEA Pain Clinic Symposium in Nashville, and the Southern Legislative Conference in Memphis, on the subject of abuse of prescription pain medications; participated in a national prescription working group in New Mexico which was sponsored by the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws to identify current problems relative to the abuse of pain management medication, different methodologies for controlling the dispensing of these dangerous drugs by medical providers, and abuse of these medications by addicted users, as well as those addicted to the monetary profits obtained from illegal sales of prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, in the 2010 Louisiana legislative session, he advocated the toughest felony DWI mandatory minimum sentences in the country; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier received the Louisiana DWI Law Enforcement Award from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and the 2012-2013 "Patriot of the Year Award" from the Lake Charles Armed Services Commission; in 2013, he was inducted into

the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame and received the 2016 "Friend of Pro Bono Award" from the Louisiana State Bar Association; and was inducted into the McNeese State University Hall of Honor in 2019; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier is an outstanding example of what it means to be a servant of the people and he is most deserving of recognition for many years of dedicated service to people of Calcasieu Parish and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend former Fourteenth Judicial District, district attorney, John DeRosier, for his years of outstanding public service to the city of Lake Charles, parish of Calcasieu, and the state of Louisiana throughout his career and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John DeRosier.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES