

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY SENATOR BOUIE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mr. Sidney H. Cates III for his illustrious service to the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD), the city of New Orleans, and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, Mr. Cates, a veteran of the U.S. Army, honorably served his country with great dignity, courage, and pride during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1955, Mr. Cates joined the NOPD, beginning a career that would include positions in the Bureau of Services, the Motor Maintenance Bureau, and the Juvenile Bureau, as well as supervisor of the Vice Squad and supervising command of the Third and Fifth Districts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cates was also instrumental in the formation of the Community Relations Division, which would later obtain national prominence as a result of his leadership as commander; and

WHEREAS, during his time with NOPD, Mr. Cates obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1964, Cates was promoted to the rank of captain, being the first black man to achieve this rank in the NOPD; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as commander of the Community Relations Division, Cates received honorable mention citations from the Louisiana Civil Service League at the Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Career Service Awards ceremony; Superintendent Clarence Giarusso nominated Cates for the award for his dedicated performance, citing his "intelligence, integrity, determination, and perseverance"; and

WHEREAS, Cates received the Alfred E. Clay Award presented by the Children's Bureau of New Orleans for his outstanding contributions to the welfare of children in the community by the design, implementation, and supervision of the programs sponsored by the Community Relations Division of the NOPD; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 1970, Cates was promoted to Deputy Chief of Administration, the third highest position in the NOPD; and

WHEREAS, Cates was bestowed the highest honor the Catholic Church can award to a layman when upon the recommendation of Archbishop Phillip Hannan, he was invested as an Equestrian Knight into the Southern Lieutenancy of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem (EKHSJ), the organization entrusted with the care of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, and is the only lay order recognized by the papal seat in Rome; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1972, Cates retired from the NOPD to serve in city government as an Assistant Chief Administrative Officer in charge of federal programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cates demonstrated exceptional courage, dedication, and leadership throughout his storied career as his positive influence impacted not only the NOPD, but the entire New Orleans community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mr. Sidney H. Cates III for his remarkable service and unending commitment to the NOPD, the citizens of New Orleans, and the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Sidney H. Cates III.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE