

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY SENATOR WARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend Richard "Ricky" Ward on the occasion of his retirement and his thirty years of service as the district attorney for Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee parishes.

WHEREAS, District Attorney Richard "Ricky" Ward retired after thirty years of being actively involved in major criminal case prosecutions on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Ward first took office in January 1991, after he successfully defeated the ten-year incumbent; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Ward served as the Eighteenth Judicial District Attorney for Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee parishes for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Ward was reelected twice and was unopposed for two elections; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Ward followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Sam Cashio, who served as the district attorney for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to prosecuting criminals, Ricky Ward was responsible for managing approximately fifty employees across three parishes and navigating the very different politics in each parish; and

WHEREAS, while he served as the district attorney, Ricky Ward's office handled some very high-profile cases, including putting away two serial killers - Derrick Todd Lee and Shawn Gillis; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Ricky Ward experienced major advancements in criminal case prosecutions mainly due to the widespread use of DNA evidence, cell phone and social media tracking technology, and the use of video surveillance; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Ward is widely respected for his ability to be fair-minded, unbiased, and compassionate; and

WHEREAS, after thirty years of public service, Ricky Ward decided to begin a new

chapter in his life and retire from public office; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement Ricky Ward plans to continue practicing law, spend time fishing, hunting, and gardening, and enjoy time with his family; wife, Pam; children Jennifer, Rick, and Kelly; and particularly, his five grandchildren Justis and Gianna Zachary, and Reese, Hayes, and Hudson Ward.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Richard "Ricky" Ward on the occasion of his retirement, for his thirty years of public service as the district attorney for Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee parishes, and does hereby extend sincerest wishes for his continued prosperity as he spends his time in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ricky Ward.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE