

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 212

BY SENATOR ALARIO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Corporal Craig Meredith of the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office on being the recipient of the 2018 Deputy Sheriff Valor Award presented by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association presents the Deputy Sheriff Valor Award to recognize a deputy sheriff based on that officer's performance above and beyond the call of duty and any extreme life-threatening acts of bravery; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Craig Meredith has served for thirteen years at the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a deputy sheriff working in corrections at the Ouachita Correctional Center and in 2007, he transferred to the Patrol Division where he is currently assigned; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal with previous service on the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Apprehension Team (SCAT) and is a current member of the Ouachita Parish SWAT unit; and

WHEREAS, last fall, Corporal Meredith responded to a call at a residence in Monroe, Louisiana; the victim, an elderly male, was having great difficulty breathing and was unresponsive; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival, Corporal Meredith noticed the victim's blue discoloration and immediately began rendering first aid; after tilting the victim's head back to open the airway, he found and removed a foreign object blocking air flow; and

WHEREAS, the victim's breathing immediately improved and discoloration began to subside as he continued administering first aid until medical services arrived; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Meredith was instrumental in saving the victim's life; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Meredith's dedication, professionalism, and outstanding service to the citizens of Ouachita Parish deems him worthy of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's Deputy Valor Award; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Craig Meredith merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary public service and for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Corporal Craig Meredith on being the recipient of the 2018 Deputy Sheriff Valor Award from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his tireless dedication and service to the citizens of Ouachita Parish and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Corporal Craig Meredith.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE