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## A RESOLUTION

To commend the Nicholls State University Department of University Police for the crucial service they provided in the wake of Hurricane Ida.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2021, South Louisiana was greatly impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Ida, including the Nicholls State University campus and its service region that endured the eyewall of that storm for hours; and

WHEREAS, in the days prior to, during, and after the storm that became the second-most damaging and intense hurricane to strike the state, the officers of the Nicholls State University Department of University Police worked tirelessly to continue to keep our campus community safe; and

WHEREAS, Chief Alex Barnes and his team selflessly rode out the storm on campus to ensure the safety of this campus; and

WHEREAS, the Department of University Police coordinated with the Louisiana National Guard and the multiple first responder agencies on campus to assist in their response and recovery efforts across the region; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the needs of Nicholls State University's students, faculty, and staff, these dedicated public servants spent countless hours away from their families and homes that in many cases were totally devastated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the leadership and officers of the Nicholls State University Department of University Police for the crucial services provided to the response and recovery in the wake of Hurricane Ida and extend our heartfelt appreciation for their dedication to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of Nicholls State University and to chief of the Nicholls State University Department of University Police.