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2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 169

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Lt. Heather A. Sylve of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office on being the recipient of the 2016 Deputy Sheriff Valor Award presented by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Lieutenant Heather A. Sylve of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office on being
3	the recipient of the 2016 Deputy Sheriff Valor Award presented by the Louisiana
4	Sheriffs' Association.
5	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association presents the Deputy Sheriff Valor
6	Award to recognize a deputy sheriff based on that officer's performance above and beyond
7	the call of duty and any extreme life-threatening acts of bravery; and
8	WHEREAS, on March 20, 2015, Lieutenant Heather A. Sylve, a deputy sheriff and
9	eight-year veteran with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office with office, was working an
10	off-duty assignment at the Louis Armstrong International Airport; and
11	WHEREAS, a sixty-two year old male subject walked onto the Concourse B security
12	checkpoint, produced a can of wasp spray, and sprayed an agent with the Transportation
13	Safety Administration (TSA) and nearby passengers; and
14	WHEREAS, the assailant then retrieved a machete from his waistband and wielded
15	it at TSA agents and passengers in close proximity; and
16	WHEREAS, as he was wielding the machete, he fixated on one of the agents as a
17	target and made several attempts to inflict bodily harm to the agent who ran toward
18	Lieutenant Sylve; and

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WHEREAS, as the TSA agent neared Lieutenant Sylve, she drew her duty weapon
without hesitation and gave verbal commands for the assailant to cease his attack; and
WHEREAS, the assailant ignored her commands, continued his assault, and with the
threat being imminent, Lieutenant Sylve discharged her weapon, striking the subject and
thereby incapacitating him and ceasing the assault; and
WHEREAS, Lieutenant Sylve's heroic actions in the performance of her duties
terminated the threat and saved the lives of TSA agents and innocent bystanders from
imminent danger; and
WHEREAS, Lieutenant Sylve's exemplary act of bravery is a true testament not only
to her character and integrity but also to her chosen profession; and
WHEREAS, Lieutenant Heather A. Sylve merits the highest commendation and
sincere congratulations for her exemplary public service and for her 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 Lieutenant Heather A. Sylve on being the recipient
of the 2016 Deputy Sheriff Valor Award from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; does
hereby recognize her bravery in the face of imminent danger, does hereby recognize and
record for posterity her tireless dedication and service to the citizens of Jefferson Parish and
the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and
happiness in all of her future endeavors.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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