

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY SENATOR JOHNS

A RESOLUTION

To commend James "Jay" Dixon for outstanding and dedicated public service to the state of Louisiana and to recognize June 3, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, James "Jay" Dixon has been the state defender of Louisiana for nearly six years and prior to his appointment to that position, he was the district defender of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes for over two years; and

WHEREAS, as the district defender of Calcasieu Parish, he led the office through a tenuous time that resulted from a lack of funding; during that time of restriction of services, the Office of the Public Defender was forced to refuse cases, and private members of the bar were appointed pro bono to handle the cases; however, because of Jay Dixon's leadership and skills, the office climbed its way out of restriction of services and emerged as one of the strongest offices in the state; and

WHEREAS, because of his success as district defender, he was the very first recipient of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Catherine D. Kimball Award for the Advancement of the Administration of Justice; he also received the Gideon Award from the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and an award recognizing his achievements from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, at the end of June, Jay Dixon will complete his career in Louisiana as he has taken a position with the state of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, on men like James "Jay" Dixon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend James "Jay" Dixon for his outstanding and dedicated public service to the state of Louisiana, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his accomplishments, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for full measures of success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 3, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to James "Jay" Dixon.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE