

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR POPE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Deputy Brett Savant of the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office on being named the 2023 Deputy of the Year by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association presents the Deputy of the Year Award to recognize a deputy sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his or her duty, and recognizes activities that improve the quality of life in their community; and

WHEREAS, this year's Deputy of the Year recipient is Livingston Parish Deputy Brett Savant; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Brett Savant has worked with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office for more than ten years; he began his service in the detention center and then served on uniform patrol; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Deputy Savant became a School Resource Officer; it is in the school setting that he truly began to thrive and exhibit his passion for giving back to the children he protects and serves; and

WHEREAS, perhaps it is his own childhood experiences as a cancer survivor and his time at St. Jude's Research Hospital that continues to inspire him to go above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Savant created the nonprofit organization "Save our Kidz" when he realized that the schools did not have any first aid or lifesaving devices other than basics kept by the school nurse; and

WHEREAS, schools were lacking tourniquets, choking rescue devices, and advanced first aid, and were also in need of improved security for lockdowns; and

WHEREAS, with more than two thousand school shootings since 1970, Deputy Savant realized that a normal day could become a catastrophe in an instant and having lifesaving tools immediately available can save lives during the precious minutes before first responders can arrive; and

WHEREAS, through "Save our Kidz", Deputy Savant has collected monetary donations to buy and distribute tourniquets and choking rescue devices to his schools, with a goal of eventually providing these items to all schools in Livingston Parish and beyond; and

WHEREAS, "Save our Kidz" has provided lifesaving devices to eleven schools as of January 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Deputy Brett Savant on being the recipient of the 2023 Deputy of the Year Award from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; does hereby recognize his passion for giving back to the children he serves; does hereby recognize and record for posterity his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Livingston Parish and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success in reaching his goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Deputy Brett Savant.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE