

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sheriff Greg Champagne on his second term as president of the National Sheriff's Association.

WHEREAS, Sheriff Greg Champagne is currently serving his seventh term as sheriff of St. Charles Parish; he is the longest-tenured sheriff in the parish's history, with twenty-seven years of service; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Champagne was born and raised in St. Charles Parish; he graduated from Hahnville High School and received a bachelor's degree in government from Nicholls State University and a juris doctorate from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and

WHEREAS, following law school, Sheriff Champagne served as an assistant district attorney in St. Charles Parish; during his fourteen-year tenure, he earned a reputation as a tough but fair prosecutor with a 94% conviction rate; he tried numerous felony jury trials including eight homicide trials, all of which resulted in convictions; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Champagne was first elected sheriff of St. Charles Parish in 1995; he was re-elected without opposition in 1999, with 81% of the votes in 2003, and with 83% of the votes in 2007; he ran without opposition in three-consecutive elections from 2011 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his impressive career in law enforcement, Sheriff Champagne has attended many training programs including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Northwestern University's Graduate School for Prosecutors; he represented the National Sheriff's Association at two international counter-terrorism training programs focused on the detection and prevention of terrorism and general public security measures in Israel and England; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Champagne graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on two occasions; first, he completed the FBI's Law Institute for Prosecutors, and more recently, he graduated from the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Program; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Champagne will be installed for a second time as president of the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) in June; he previously served as president of the association in 2016-2017; for the past twenty years, he has chaired the NSA Legal Affairs Committee, which analyzes proposed congressional legislation and files amicus briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court on landmark criminal justice issues affecting sheriffs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Champagne regularly testifies before the Legislature of Louisiana on important issues concerning criminal justice on behalf of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association; he also serves on the Louisiana State Law Institute's Criminal Justice Committee, analyzing criminal justice issues for the legislature; and

WHEREAS, outside of his professional life, Greg has shared over forty-one years of marriage with his wife, Alice Landry Champagne; his daughter, Rochelle C. Fahrig, is an assistant district attorney, and his son, Greg Champagne, Jr., is a deputy tax assessor; he also has five grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Greg Champagne is a genuine servant of the community; his efforts earned him recognition as Louisiana Sheriff of the Year by the Louisiana Crime Victim's Coalition in 2003; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his dedication to law enforcement and the protection of St. Charles Parish and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sheriff Greg Champagne on his second term as president of the National Sheriff's Association and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE