

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, HEBERT, AND JACOB LANDRY AND
SENATOR HENSGENS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Sheriff Michael A. Couvillon on the occasion of his
retirement

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Vermilion Parish Sheriff Michael A. Couvillon on the occasion of his
3 retirement.

4 WHEREAS, Michael A. Couvillon was born on September 25, 1956, in Kaplan,
5 Louisiana, to Andrew Couvillon and Julia Apple Couvillon; he was one of eight children
6 who were raised on a farm and learned the value of hard work and responsibility at an early
7 age; he attended E. Broussard Elementary and Middle School in Cow Island and graduated
8 from E. Broussard High School in 1974; as a high school student, he was an active athlete
9 and member of the Future Farmers of America and 4-H; and

10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Couvillon began his law enforcement career as a patrol deputy
11 under Sheriff Euda Delcambre in 1982; he was promoted to the rank of narcotic sergeant by
12 Sheriff Ray LeMaire in 1984, and for the next fifteen years, he worked undercover
13 assignments in forty-seven of sixty-four Louisiana parishes; he received another promotion
14 in 2001, achieving the rank of major and supervising and managing the Vermilion Parish
15 Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael Couvillon was elected sheriff of Vermilion Parish in 2003, and
17 he took office on July 1, 2004; in two decades under his leadership, the Vermilion Parish
18 Sheriff's Office has undergone a major transformation that includes an extensive list of
19 unprecedented improvements including increased enforcement personnel for added public
20 safety presence, decreased response times, and improved investigative efforts; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheriff Couvillon is the first Vermilion Parish sheriff to be inducted into
2 the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame, and he is only the second to be elected and serve as
3 president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association; he is also the recipient of numerous awards
4 and honors including the Vermilion Parish Achievement Day Award, the Boys and Girls
5 Club "From the Heart Award", and the 2023 Delta Waterfowl Vermilion Chapter
6 Appreciation Award; he has also been recognized as "High Buyer" at the annual Vermilion
7 Parish 4-H Livestock Youth Program; and

8 WHEREAS, Sheriff Michael A. Couvillon is a truly inspiring public servant who is
9 worthy of the highest recognition for more than four decades of service as a law enforcement
10 officer in Vermilion Parish.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 commend Vermilion Parish Sheriff Michael A. Couvillon on the occasion of his retirement
13 and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors
14 as he enters into retirement.

DIGEST

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