

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Lance Corporal Christopher Spicer Jr. for being awarded the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's Deputy Valor Award.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Lance Corporal Christopher Spicer Jr. for being awarded the Louisiana
3 Sheriffs' Association's Deputy Valor Award.

4 WHEREAS, the Deputy Valor award seeks to recognize a deputy who provides
5 service that is unquestionably, above and beyond the call of duty, and who performs any
6 extreme life-threatening act of bravery; and

7 WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023 at approximately 11:15 p.m., Lance Corporal Spicer
8 Jr. a deputy with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office initiated a traffic stop for a traffic
9 violation where the driver refused to identify himself; and

10 WHEREAS, after continued efforts by deputy Spicer to identify the driver, the
11 suspect became very agitated; and

12 WHEREAS, when deputy Spicer ordered the driver out of the vehicle, the driver did
13 not comply and fled the scene; and

14 WHEREAS, deputy Spicer immediately initiated pursuit on Louisiana Highway 27;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the suspect then stopped and began firing several rounds from a weapon
17 striking deputy Spicer's unit ten times; and

18 WHEREAS, one of the bullets lodged in the driver's headrest approximately two

1 inches from the top of deputy Spicer's head; and

2 WHEREAS, the suspect continued speeding northbound on Louisiana Highway 27;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, even after the gunfire, and with no immediate backup, deputy Spicer
5 continued pursuit of the suspect into Calcasieu Parish; and

6 WHEREAS, deputy Spicer followed the suspect down Burton Shipyard Road where
7 the suspect turned into a plant entrance and entered through the guard gate; and

8 WHEREAS, knowing that the suspect had entered a dead-end road, deputy Spicer
9 set up a roadblock just outside the gate and waited until the suspect exited the facility; and

10 WHEREAS, the suspect then exited the plant and began traveling toward deputy
11 Spicer's location at a high-speed while also firing upon deputy Spicer. Deputy Spicer
12 returned fire; and

13 WHEREAS, the vehicle headed west on Burton Shipyard Road, then turned north
14 on Louisiana Highway 27, fleeing on many other parish roads; and

15 WHEREAS, several other law enforcement agencies joined and assisted in this
16 pursuit including, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana State Police, Sulphur Police
17 Department, and Vinton Police Department; and

18 WHEREAS, the fleeing suspect was unable to negotiate a left-handed curve, and his
19 vehicle traveled off the roadway through multiple ditches and crashed; and

20 WHEREAS, the suspect exited the vehicle, took a covered position in the ditch and
21 began firing a fully automatic weapon at responding officers; and

22 WHEREAS, at least five law enforcement officers exchanged gunfire with the
23 suspect; and

24 WHEREAS, the suspect then moved into a nearby open field and continued to fire
25 at the responding officers; and

26 WHEREAS, the exchange lasted twenty three minutes and one officer from the
27 Sulphur Police Department sustained a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the head; and

28 WHEREAS, the suspect retreated into a field, where air assets located him deceased
29 wearing body armor and with a fully automatic weapon; and

30 WHEREAS, the suspect died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the

1 head; and

2 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Chris Spicer Jr. demonstrated quick thinking and
3 immense courage when faced with a life-threatening situation and his actions deem him
4 worthy of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's highest honor, the Deputy Valor Award; and

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriff's Association is proud to honor him.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby commend Lance Corporal Christopher Spicer Jr. for being awarded the
8 Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's Deputy Valor Award, does hereby recognize and record
9 for posterity his dedication and service to the citizens of Cameron Parish and the state of
10 Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success in all of his
11 future endeavors.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
13 Lance Corporal Christopher Spicer Jr.

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

DIGEST

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