

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, one of the bullets lodged in the driver's headrest approximately two inches from the top of deputy Spicer's head; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the suspect died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head; and

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE