

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 153

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Colonel Rachel Zechenelly for her outstanding service and dedication to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and to congratulate her on her retirement.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Colonel Rachel Zechenelly for her outstanding service and dedication to the  
3 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and to congratulate her on the occasion of her  
4 retirement.

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Rachel Zechenelly has served the Department of Wildlife and  
6 Fisheries and the citizens of Louisiana for nearly twenty-five years, making history as the  
7 department's first female colonel; and

8 WHEREAS, Colonel Zechenelly entered the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and  
9 Fisheries Training Academy in 1999 as a cadet in Class 13; and

10 WHEREAS, upon graduation from the academy, Colonel Zechenelly was assigned  
11 as a field agent in the state's southeast region before being promoted to headquarters staff  
12 in 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Zechenelly became the state's boating law administrator, where  
14 she was instrumental in implementing the safe boating program and several substantial  
15 changes to boating law; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Zechenelly also served on both the administrative and patrol  
17 sides of the enforcement division, and has overseen the division's budget, communications,  
18 emergency services, recruiting, safe boating program, and training; she has also supervised

1 four patrol regions across the state; and

2 WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Colonel Zechenelly has earned an  
3 enviable assemblage of awards and distinctions, including the LDWF Meritorious Service  
4 Awards for hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Harvey, Irma, and Ida, the 2016 flood, and the BP oil  
5 spill; she was named the LDWF Agent of the Year for Headquarters Staff in 2008 and  
6 received the LDWF Chief's Award in 2022.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
8 does hereby commend Colonel Rachel Zechenelly on an exemplary career in the Louisiana  
9 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Enforcement Division on the occasion of her  
10 retirement on May 24, 2024.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
12 Colonel Rachel Zechenelly.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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DIGEST

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Wildlife and Fisheries on the occasion of her retirement.