2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mary Nell Harper upon being named the first female district chief in the Lafayette Fire Department.

WHEREAS, in 1977, Mary Nell Harper moved from New Jersey to Lafayette to attend the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, she was encouraged by a friend to become a member of the Lafayette Fire Department, and she has been with the department for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years with the Lafayette Fire Department, she has gone through the ranks as a firefighter, engineer, and captain; she earned a general studies degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a fire science degree from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, District Chief Harper is the first female to achieve the rank of district chief in the history of the Lafayette Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the contributions District Chief Harper makes to the community are invaluable, and it is fitting to recognize and applaud the civil service District Chief Harper provides to the people of Lafayette.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mary Nell Harper for her outstanding service to the Lafayette Fire Department; does hereby commend her upon being named the first female district chief in the history of the Lafayette Fire Department; and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in her career as a firefighter.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mary Nell Harper.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE