

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Eric Floyd McElroy for his service and involvement in the Deputies Making a Change youth mentoring program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sergeant Eric Floyd McElroy for his service and involvement in the Ouachita
3 Parish Sheriff's Office Deputies Making a Change youth mentoring program.

4 WHEREAS, Deputies Making a Change (DMAC) is a program with the laudable
5 goal of reducing the incarceration rate among young children in Ouachita Parish; the
6 deputies of DMAC provide mentoring relationships to youth who are failing in school, at
7 risk of being incarcerated, or who have problems with authority; and

8 WHEREAS, DMAC deputies use their knowledge, experience, and a plethora of
9 physical fitness and life skill tools to enhance the thinking ability of young people and to
10 promote positive behaviors; each DMAC deputy is tasked with instilling in the youth the
11 seven core values of the program: discipline, education, accountability, commitment,
12 motivation, respect for authority, and self reliance; and

13 WHEREAS, Eric Floyd McElroy enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation
14 from high school and served his country for four years; after his military stint was
15 completed, Eric McElroy was employed at Louisiana Training Institute, a detention center
16 for juveniles; and

17 WHEREAS, Eric received extensive training in youth development at Louisiana
18 Training Institute which he put to good use when he joined the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's
19 Department in 1999; Deputy McElroy completed assignments in Patrol Division,
20 Investigative Division, is a certified hostage negotiator, and has attained the rank of sergeant;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, during his work as an investigator, Sergeant McElroy grew increasingly
2 concerned at the large number of African American children in his area who lived in single
3 parent homes in which only a mother was present; in 2012, he transferred to Deputies
4 Making a Change in order to help the children of his community; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant McElroy works in DMAC to create positive environments,
6 focus on education, and improve the lives of youth in Ouachita Parish, and it is fitting to
7 commend his good works.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sergeant Eric Floyd McElroy for sowing
10 seeds of change into the lives of at-risk youth in Ouachita Parish and does hereby express
11 best hopes for continued success with Deputies Making a Change.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to Sergeant Eric Floyd McElroy.

DIGEST

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