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2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY SENATOR JOHNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends James "Jay" Dixon for outstanding and dedicated public service to Louisiana and recognizes June 3, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day in Louisiana.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend James "Jay" Dixon for outstanding and dedicated public service to the state of
3	Louisiana and to recognize June 3, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day in Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, James "Jay" Dixon has been the state defender of Louisiana for nearly
5	six years and prior to his appointment to that position, he was the district defender of
6	Calcasieu and Cameron parishes for over two years; and
7	WHEREAS, as the district defender of Calcasieu Parish, he led the office through
8	a tenuous time that resulted from a lack of funding; during that time of restriction of
9	services, the Office of the Public Defender was forced to refuse cases, and private members
10	of the bar were appointed pro bono to handle the cases; however, because of Jay Dixon's
11	leadership and skills, the office climbed its way out of restriction of services and emerged
12	as one of the strongest offices in the state; and
13	WHEREAS, because of his success as district defender, he was the very first
14	recipient of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Catherine D. Kimball Award for the
15	Advancement of the Administration of Justice; he also received the Gideon Award from the
16	Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and an award recognizing his
17	achievements from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury; and
18	WHEREAS, at the end of June, Jay Dixon will complete his career in Louisiana as

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1	he has taken a position with the state of Massachusetts; and
2	WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
3	and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, on men like
4	James "Jay" Dixon.
5	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6	does hereby commend James "Jay" Dixon for his outstanding and dedicated public service
7	to the state of Louisiana, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his
8	accomplishments, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for full measures of success
9	and happiness in all of his future endeavors.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
11	hereby recognize June 3, 2019, as James "Jay" Dixon Day in Louisiana.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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