

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

