

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY SENATORS JOHNS, ABRAHAM AND REESE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends former district attorney of the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, John DeRosier, for his many years of outstanding public service to the city of Lake Charles, the parish of Calcasieu, and the state of Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend former district attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, John F. DeRosier, for his many years of outstanding public service to the city of Lake Charles, the parish of Calcasieu, and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, John F. DeRosier attended undergraduate school at the University of Southwest Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana, and entered Louisiana State University Law School in 1967; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the Marine Corp as a machine gunner during law school, spent eleven months in Vietnam, was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V.", and reentered law school upon his return to the states; and

WHEREAS, as a Lake Charles resident of forty-eight years, John DeRosier had a law practice that focused on civil litigation, personal injury, and criminal law until his election as district attorney; he also served as City Attorney for the City of Lake Charles and General Counsel for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, John DeRosier serves on the Boy Scouts Board of Directors and is past president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association; and

WHEREAS, he took the oath of office for district attorney on December 20, 2005, was re-elected in 2008 and again in 2014; and

1           WHEREAS, John DeRosier founded the 100 Black Men of Lake Charles  
2 organization, established the Case Review Team to improve communications with law  
3 enforcement, and created the Calcasieu Full Force group to target DWI offenders in response  
4 to the excessive number of traffic fatalities and a 60% increase in DWIs; and

5           WHEREAS, he also worked with legislators for the enactment of numerous items  
6 of legislation in both the Louisiana and Texas legislatures relative to the regulation of pain  
7 management clinics and the legal distribution of controlled dangerous substances in the form  
8 of narcotic pain medication and other controlled dangerous substances; prior to this time,  
9 Texas had no statutes to regulate the ownership, management, and operation of pain  
10 management clinics within its borders; and

11           WHEREAS, John DeRosier has been proactive and implemented an aggressive  
12 campaign to capture and prosecute online sexual predators and reestablished the Sexual  
13 Assault Nurse Examiner Program; and

14           WHEREAS he assisted in the formation of Adult Drug Court, DWI Court, and  
15 Veterans Court and established the "Fatal Vision" DWI Simulation Program that travels to  
16 schools to demonstrate the effects of impaired driving; and

17           WHEREAS, during the 2006 Louisiana legislative session, John DeRosier advocated  
18 "doctor shopping" legislation to decrease the number of deaths from "pain management"  
19 prescription drug overdoses in our young adult population; and

20           WHEREAS, he was instrumental in organizing a task force of Louisiana and Texas  
21 legislators, law enforcement, and administrative agencies to combat the proliferation of pain  
22 management clinics in Southeast Texas and Louisiana; and

23           WHEREAS, John DeRosier has spoken at numerous conferences, as well as the  
24 Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, the DEA Pain Clinic Symposium in Nashville, and  
25 the Southern Legislative Conference in Memphis, on the subject of abuse of prescription  
26 pain medications; participated in a national prescription working group in New Mexico  
27 which was sponsored by the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws to identify current  
28 problems relative to the abuse of pain management medication, different methodologies for  
29 controlling the dispensing of these dangerous drugs by medical providers, and abuse of these  
30 medications by addicted users, as well as those addicted to the monetary profits obtained

1 from illegal sales of prescription medications; and

2 WHEREAS, in the 2010 Louisiana legislative session, he advocated the toughest  
3 felony DWI mandatory minimum sentences in the country; and

4 WHEREAS, John DeRosier received the Louisiana DWI Law Enforcement Award  
5 from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission and the 2012-2013 "Patriot of the Year  
6 Award" from the Lake Charles Armed Services Commission; in 2013, he was inducted into  
7 the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame and received the 2016 "Friend of Pro Bono Award" from  
8 the Louisiana State Bar Association; and was inducted into the McNeese State University  
9 Hall of Honor in 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, John DeRosier is an outstanding example of what it means to be a  
11 servant of the people and he is most deserving of recognition for many years of dedicated  
12 service to people of Calcasieu Parish and the state of Louisiana.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 commend former Fourteenth Judicial District, district attorney, John DeRosier, for his years  
15 of outstanding public service to the city of Lake Charles, parish of Calcasieu, and the state  
16 of Louisiana throughout his career and does hereby extend sincere hopes and wishes  
17 continued success in future endeavors.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John  
19 DeRosier.

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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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