

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sergeant Stephen Rhodes for his heroism.

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2022, Sergeant Stephen Rhodes immediately responded to a capsized vessel carrying multiple passengers near his patrol area at Grand Isle in Jefferson Parish; with the help of three good Samaritans, he launched his patrol vessel and embarked to assist the boaters; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival at the scene, Sergeant Rhodes learned that a seven-year-old girl remained trapped below the vessel; he shed his work gear, dove into the water, and located the unresponsive child; and

WHEREAS, after bringing the girl to his vessel, Sergeant Rhodes began CPR; after two rounds of CPR, the child began breathing; she was then transported to a hospital where she made a full recovery and has since been released; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhodes is a fifteen-year veteran of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division who has dedicated his entire career in service to Terrebonne Parish; he is passionate about boating safety laws and educating the public on their importance; his quick action not only prevented a tragedy, but also fulfilled his continuous commitment to the community as a protector of the public; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Rhodes truly embodies the values that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division strives to accomplish on a daily basis; the state of Louisiana is truly proud to recognize Sergeant Stephen Rhodes as one of its own; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his heroic actions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sergeant Stephen Rhodes for his heroism in saving the life of a child; does hereby further recognize Sergeant Rhodes for his constant dedication to public safety; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the people of Louisiana and all those who enjoy its waters observe laws that ensure the safety of everyone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sergeant Stephen Rhodes.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE