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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sergeant Jonathan Walker of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office on being the recipient of the 2022 Deputy Valor Award.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Sergeant Jonathan Walker of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office
3	on being the recipient of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's 2022 Deputy Valor
4	Award.
5	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association presents the Deputy Valor Award
6	to recognize a deputy sheriff based on that officer's performance above and beyond the call
7	of duty and any extreme life-threatening acts of bravery; and
8	WHEREAS, on July 31, 2021, Sergeant Walker responded to an active shooter
9	incident in St. John the Baptist Parish; and
10	WHEREAS, Sergeant Walker was off-duty on Interstate 10 (I-10) about a half mile
11	from the scene of the incident when he decided to leave his family safely in their vehicle and
12	advance on foot without body armor or radio to assist with the active shooter situation; and
13	WHEREAS, this event occurred when a man shot two people during a dispute as the
14	result of a multi-vehicle traffic accident on I-10; and
15	WHEREAS, this man was headed to Alexandria with his wife who he had just
16	married and her male friend, when he and his wife got into an argument and the man reached
17	for his gun; and
18	WHEREAS, the friend escaped the car on foot and the man's wife jumped out of the

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1	car and fled to the first responders who were helping the victims of the nearby collision; and
2	WHEREAS, while the victims were trying to escape, the shooter shot the friend in
3	the leg and also shot into a nearby vehicle, injuring the hand of another driver; and
4	WHEREAS, Sergeant Walker located the suspect who was shaking and beating on
5	the ambulance trying to get to his wife; he continued to pursue the shooter and arrested him
6	after a brief struggle; and
7	WHEREAS, the victims were airlifted from the scene and taken to a New Orleans
8	hospital where they were treated for their injuries and released; and
9	WHEREAS, the shooter was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal damage
10	to property, a felony, and illegal use of weapons, aggravated second-degree battery, a felony,
11	and attempted second-degree murder; and
12	WHEREAS, through the valiant efforts of Sergeant Walker during an active shooter
13	incident while off-duty, Sergeant Walker was able to successfully locate and arrest the
14	shooter, ending the threat with no fatalities; and
15	WHEREAS, Sergeant Jonathan Walker merits the highest commendation and sincere
16	congratulations for his outstanding contributions to the state of Louisiana and its citizens.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18	does hereby commend and congratulate Sergeant Jonathan Walker of the St. John the Baptist
19	Parish Sheriff's Office on being the recipient of the 2022 Deputy Valor Award from the
20	Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, does hereby recognize his bravery in the face of imminent
21	danger, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his tireless dedication and service to
22	the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend
23	to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25	Sergeant Jonathan Walker.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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