

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Michelle Woodfork on her election to the office of sheriff of Orleans Parish.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes Michelle Woodfork for her outstanding service as a law enforcement professional as she takes office as sheriff of Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Woodfork is a career police officer who has dedicated her life to the protection and service of the city of New Orleans; her uncle, Warren Woodfork, was the first Black chief of police in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Woodfork previously served as interim superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, and during her tenure, the department enjoyed an extended period of declines in violent crime; she also served under Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason Williams prior to her election; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Woodfork has pledged to build a culture where jail staff are supported, respected, and equipped to do their jobs with professionalism, pride, and confidence; she is committed to treating parish prisoners with dignity, fairness, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Woodfork aims to develop the Orleans Parish prison facilities into centers for growth, rehabilitation, and education; and

WHEREAS, Orleans Parish Sheriff Michelle Woodfork is deserving of recognition for her commitment to serving the citizens of the parish with integrity and leading with accountability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Michelle Woodfork on her election to the office of sheriff of Orleans Parish; does hereby express appreciation for her leadership as interim superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department; and does hereby extend sincere wishes for continued success as she begins a new chapter in her law enforcement career.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES