

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY SENATOR NEVERS

COMMENDATIONS. To recognize Fallen Heroes Memorial Day honoring Washington Parish Sheriff's Office deputies killed in the line of duty.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Fallen Heroes Memorial Day honoring the seven Washington Parish Sheriff's  
3 Office deputies who made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives in the line of  
4 duty.

5 WHEREAS, Washington Parish Sheriff Randy Seal has designated Wednesday, May  
6 15, 2013, as "Fallen Heroes Memorial Day" to honor the seven Washington Parish Sheriff's  
7 Office deputies who have been killed in the line of duty since 1899; and

8 WHEREAS, on April 7, 1899, Sheriff Henry S. Burkhalter, at the age of 45, married  
9 with six children, was killed while in pursuit of murder suspects; and

10 WHEREAS, on March 3, 1923, Deputy Sheriff Wiley Pierce, age 42, husband and  
11 father of six, and Deputy Sheriff Robert Wesley, age 35, husband and father of four, were  
12 killed while attempting to arrest two men for making moonshine; and

13 WHEREAS, on July 21, 1934, Deputy Sheriff Delos C. Wood, age 61, married, was  
14 killed while attempting to arrest a suspect; and

15 WHEREAS, on June 2, 1965, Deputy Sheriff Oneal Moore, age 34, husband, father  
16 of four daughters and the first African American deputy to serve in Washington Parish, was  
17 shot and killed by an unknown assailant in another vehicle who also seriously injured his  
18 partner, Deputy Creed Rogers; and

1           WHEREAS, on September 20, 2005, Deputy Sheriff Jeffery Bickham, age 43,  
2 married with two daughters, was killed when pinned between his patrol car and another  
3 vehicle; and

4           WHEREAS, on December 6, 2006, Deputy Sheriff Yvonne Pettit, mother of five  
5 children, was shot and killed; and

6           WHEREAS, all gave their lives while serving in the line of duty as law enforcement  
7 officers sworn to protect public safety and uphold the law; and

8           WHEREAS, their ultimate sacrifice for their community should be duly recognized  
9 and remembered; and

10          WHEREAS, the Scriptures remind us that "Greater love hath no man than this, that  
11 he lay down his life for his friends".

12          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
13 does hereby commend the Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs of the Washington Parish Sheriff's  
14 Office for their continued devotion and service to the people of Washington Parish, and does  
15 hereby recognize Wednesday, May 15, 2013, as Fallen Heroes Memorial Day.

16          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
17 Washington Parish Sheriff Randy Seal, and to each of the families of the deputy sheriffs who  
18 gave their lives in the service of Washington Parish.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

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DIGEST

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SR No. 100

Recognizes Fallen Heroes Memorial Day honoring seven Washington Parish Sheriff's Office  
deputies who, from 1899 through the present day, have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving  
their lives in the line of duty.