

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY SENATOR NEVERS

COMMENDATIONS. Recognizes 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 eight 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 eight 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 Crain, age 35, husband and father of four,
12 were 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 who also seriously injured his partner, Deputy
18 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, on March 1, 2010, Deputy Hilbert "Bill" Lewis, age 74, married with
7 children, was killed by a drunk driver as the deputy was leaving the Washington Parish jail;
8 and

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

11 WHEREAS, their ultimate sacrifice for their community should be duly recognized
12 and remembered; and

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

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

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

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

DIGEST

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SR No. 116

Recognizes Fallen Heroes Memorial Day honoring eight 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.