

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Bunkie Police Chief Mary L. Fanara upon her retirement

1   A RESOLUTION

2   To commend Bunkie Police Chief Mary L. Fanara upon her retirement and to congratulate  
3            her for her distinguished public service career of thirty-seven years in law  
4            enforcement.

5            WHEREAS, Mary Fanara began her career as a dispatcher for the Bunkie Police  
6   Department in May of 1977, as the first female employee of the department; and

7            WHEREAS, during her initial year of service as the department dispatcher, Mary  
8   attended and graduated from the Alexandria Police Academy; and

9            WHEREAS, as her law enforcement career progressed, Mary began working as a  
10   patrol officer, diligently serving her community by answering calls and working traffic  
11   details as assigned; and

12           WHEREAS, even though Mary Fanara's interest in the field of law enforcement  
13   continued to grow, she chose to remain in her hometown area; and

14           WHEREAS, in 1990, she mounted a successful campaign for the office of city  
15   marshal and served in that position until 1994; and

16           WHEREAS, Mary Fanara then campaigned for and won the election in her bid to be  
17   the first female chief of police in Bunkie and served a four-year term of office from 1994 to  
18   1998; and

19           WHEREAS, Mary continued her career and expanded her law enforcement  
20   knowledge and expertise by serving for four years as a detective with the Avoyelles Parish  
21   Sheriff's Office; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2002, Mary Fanara again campaigned for and won the election for  
2 Bunkie's chief of police and will complete four terms as chief upon her retirement on June  
3 30, 2014; and

4           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a heartfelt measure of the highest commendation  
5 be extended to Mary L. Fanara for an outstanding career in the field of law enforcement and  
6 for her leadership, intellect, and all of the incomparable talents she has lent to the Town of  
7 Bunkie and the state, whose citizens will long reap the benefits of her knowledge, expertise,  
8 compassion, and professional standard of excellence.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mary L. Fanara, police chief of Bunkie,  
11 Louisiana, upon her retirement after a long and distinguished career of dedicated law  
12 enforcement service spanning thirty-seven years, does hereby record for posterity her noble  
13 accomplishments and express appreciation for the deep sense of pride and honor she brings  
14 to the Bunkie area and the state, and does hereby extend to her every good wish for success  
15 and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
17 to Police Chief Mary L. Fanara.

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#### DIGEST

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