

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR NEVERS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bruce E. Cutrer, Fire Chief for Tangipahoa Parish Fire District No. 1, for his many accomplishments as a firefighter.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Fire Chief Bruce E. Cutrer of the Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District
3 No. 1 in Amite, Louisiana, for his many accomplishments as an outstanding
4 firefighter and conscientious public servant.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great respect and admiration that Fire Chief Bruce Cutrer is
6 recognized for his selfless acts of heroism and service to his community and state in the
7 realm of fire protection; he has demonstrated a noble commitment to the reduction of loss
8 associated with fire events and other hazards through progressive leadership, dedication, and
9 invaluable contributions to the field of fire prevention; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1966, as a novice firefighter, Bruce Cutrer joined the Amite
11 Volunteer Fire Department at the tender age of eighteen; he also served with the Hammond
12 Fire Department and with the Hammond Fire Prevention Bureau as a fire investigator; and

13 WHEREAS, after joining Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Chief
14 Cutrer continued to earn frequent and well-deserved promotions, and in 1984, he became the
15 first career fire chief named to the district; and

16 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Cutrer maintains the proud tradition of a career firefighter
17 who provides prompt and highly skilled assistance to victims of fire, emergencies, and other
18 disasters; and

1 WHEREAS, Chief Cutrer has been credited with citations for bravery that include
2 receipt of the Heroism and Community Service Award from *Firehouse Magazine*, the
3 Outstanding Service Award for Protection of Lives and Property from Governor Charles
4 "Buddy" Roemer, a Proclamation of Appreciation from the city of Armond Beach, Florida,
5 the Award for Valor from the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, and in 2013,
6 the prestigious honor of being named Fire Chief of the Year by State Fire Marshal Butch
7 Browning; and

8 WHEREAS, with countless hours of training and extraordinary expertise in fire
9 protection, Chief Cutrer has been appointed to specialty committees and associations to
10 advance fire safety, including service as president of the Tangipahoa Parish Fire Chiefs
11 Association and appointment as representative for the charter committee to implement the
12 parish 911 Communications District, local fire service on the PMAC Committee, the Urban
13 Search and Rescue Commission named by Governor Kathleen Blanco, the Louisiana State
14 University Fire and Emergency Training Institute guidance committee, the Louisiana Fire
15 Prevention Board of Review and Safety Regulations named by Governor Bobby Jindal, and
16 the North Shore (Parishes) Coalition Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, with the area of Tangipahoa Parish primarily composed of tracts of
18 farmlands and forests and traversed by interstate highways, I-12 from east to west and I-55
19 and the Central Gulf Railway from north to south, Fire Chief Cutrer is well aware of the
20 increased incidence of environmental and man-made emergencies; during his tenure he has
21 promoted completion of three fire stations throughout the district and successful passage of
22 an incremental local sales tax to increase district fire protection funding; and

23 WHEREAS, Chief Cutrer plays a primary role in encouraging public safety through
24 local programs and the use of social media to inform the public about avoidance of fire and
25 safety hazards; each year the district staffs a "Halloween Haunted House" for youth, and
26 posts household tips for Christmas tree safety, burning ordinances, and year-around bulletins
27 that note the potential for forest and brush fires; and

28 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Cutrer and his peers are familiar with the occupational
29 hazards of their chosen profession and the heartfelt sense of loss of fire personnel in the line
30 of duty; each September, a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony is held to recall the sacrifice of

1 those of the firefighter brotherhood from (FDNY) Fire Departments of New York City who
2 fell on September 11, 2001, and also to remember those local firefighters who have passed
3 away during the year; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Bruce Cutrer is dedicated to the promotion of community causes
5 with participation in local charitable events like "Battle of the Badges" flag football games
6 among neighborhood firefighters to collect funds for the Relay For Life campaign; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Cutrer adheres to the following noteworthy motto that reflects his
8 vocation and commitment to public safety, "This is not my job - it is my calling"; and

9 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Bruce Cutrer merits a special measure of commendation as
10 a firefighter, a first responder, and one of the finest public servants in Louisiana.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby commend Fire Chief Bruce E. Cutrer of the Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection
13 District No. 1 for his many accomplishments in fire protection, prevention, and safety
14 regulation, and for his exceptional level of community service rendered to those he serves.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
16 Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Fire Chief, Bruce E. Cutrer.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

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