

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 169

BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Deputy Gregory Brant Aydell of the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office upon being named the recipient of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's 2025 Deputy Valor Award for acts of extraordinary bravery and lifesaving service beyond the call of duty.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and its president, Sheriff K.P. Gibson, along with the Association's Awards Committee, have selected Deputy Gregory Brant Aydell to receive the 2025 Deputy Valor Award, the organization's highest honor recognizing extreme acts of courage and heroism; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Aydell's valorous service in 2025 was nothing short of extraordinary, as he saved three lives in separate incidents, including two within the span of just forty-eight hours; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2024, Deputy Aydell responded to an overdose call where the victim was unconscious and not breathing; he immediately initiated rescue breathing and continued for five to ten minutes until medics arrived and administered multiple doses of Narcan, eventually reviving the individual through continued CPR; a life saved because of his swift action and persistence; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2024, Deputy Aydell and Deputy Landon Adams responded to a reported leg gunshot wound, only to discover the victim had actually been shot in the chest; drawing upon his training, Deputy Aydell applied a chest seal and helped position the victim for easier breathing until medics arrived and performed emergency decompression, saving the victim's life; and

WHEREAS, just forty hours later, on April 5, 2024, Deputy Aydell and Deputy Brandon Ma responded to the scene of a three-year-old child drowning; Deputy Aydell immediately began rescue breathing, then continued lifesaving efforts en route to the hospital in the backseat of a unit driven by Deputy Ma; the child was revived at the hospital and survived, thanks to their quick-thinking and coordination; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Aydell's commitment to duty is shaped by a remarkable journey: raised in Livingston Parish under challenging circumstances, including exposure to drug abuse and instability, he sought a new path by joining the United States Army after graduating from Walker High School; and

WHEREAS, his military service is distinguished and commendable: he served as a member of the elite 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment with seven deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, earning the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Valor device, and numerous other commendations for valor, leadership, and service; and

WHEREAS, following his medical retirement in 2016, Deputy Aydell returned to his home parish to raise a family, earned a degree in Chemical Process Technology, and continued his calling to serve through law enforcement, joining the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office in 2022 as a patrol deputy; and

WHEREAS, in his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Aydell has not only saved lives, but also worked to remove illegal drugs and firearms from the community, earning the Meritorious Service Award, three lifesaving awards, and a Letter of Commendation; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Aydell exemplifies the courage, compassion, and professionalism expected of Louisiana's finest, and his heroic actions bring great honor to the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the law enforcement profession.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Deputy Gregory Brant Aydell for his unwavering bravery and lifesaving actions, and congratulates him upon receiving the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association's 2025 Deputy Valor Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Livingston Parish Sheriff Deputy Gregory Brant Aydell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE