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## Rep. Berthelot awarded 2016 Louisiana Fire Chief's Association Legislator of the Year

State Representative Johnny Berthelot, R-Gonzales, received this year's Legislator of the Year award by the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association. Organized in 1973, the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association works to promote the profession of the fire service, improve methods of fire prevention, training, protection, and extinguishment and to maintain high standards of professional ethics among the Fire Service Officers of Louisiana. The Association's President Mark Stewart and Chief Jacques Picou, at the 2016 Annual Conference, held in Baton Rouge beginning March 31, presented this award to Rep. Berthelot for upholding their mission in the Legislature.

Rep. Berthelot said, "It is an honor to receive this award from such a noble organization. Fire safety is important to all of us, and representing these service men and woman has been a pivotal part of my job here in the Legislature. I hope to continue supporting the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association with the help of my colleagues in the House."

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**Photo Cutline:** Louisiana State Representative and former Gonzales Mayor, Johnny Berthelot received the 2016 Louisiana Fire Chief's Association Legislator of the Year award. Presented by President Mark Stewart and Chief Jacques Picou.