

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOWARD AND RICHMOND

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend eight-year-old Amirikis Smith upon his offer of aid to the people of Haiti.

WHEREAS, Amirikis Smith wrote a letter to President Obama, soon after the devastating earthquake struck the nation of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, he enclosed fifty dollars out of his savings account to give to Haiti relief; and

WHEREAS, Amirikis Smith entrusted the letter to Mayor Cedric Glover of Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Glover delivered the letter to President Obama at the United States Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2010, President Obama mentioned the great deed of the eight-year old boy in Louisiana at the end of his State of the Union Address; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama said, "what keeps me going is the fundamental decency that has always been at the core of the American people"; and

WHEREAS, he also said, "It lives on, in the eight-year old boy in Louisiana, who just sent me his allowance and asked if I would give it to the people in Haiti"; and

WHEREAS, the President did not mention the young boy by name, however on Thursday, January 28, 2010, the White House informed the country that his name is Amirikis Smith; and

WHEREAS, Amirikis Smith lives with his grandparents, Vera and Reverend Louis Smith, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Amirikis Smith is a third-grader at Red River Elementary School in Coushatta.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend eight-year-old Amirikis Smith upon his offer of aid to the people of Haiti.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Amirikis Smith and his family.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE