

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, HENDERSON, HUTTER, AND LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend SDT Waste and Debris, LLC, and its owner and president Sidney D. Torres, IV, on their success in cleaning up New Orleans and helping to restore the image and reputation of the city as a tourist destination.

WHEREAS, the French Quarter and downtown New Orleans are the heart and soul of the city's tourist district, attracting over seven and a half million visitors to Louisiana each year; and

WHEREAS, these historic areas are vital to the economies of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, these areas, often referred to as the "crown jewels" of the New Orleans tourism industry, struggled tremendously following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and were in need of an image makeover to recapture their rightful role in the national and international tourism market; and

WHEREAS, SDT Waste and Debris, LLC, (SDT), the municipal contractor responsible for cleaning the French Quarter and downtown New Orleans, began working in these areas on January 1, 2007, and since then has been tremendously successful in cleaning up these areas and helping to restore the image and reputation of New Orleans as a tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, SDT owner and president, Sidney D. Torres, IV, has set the standard when it comes to keeping the historic district clean, especially after major events such as Mardi Gras, the Sugar Bowl, and the BCS national championship game; and

WHEREAS, because of the dedication of Mr. Torres and SDT, the cleanliness of New Orleans has been highlighted in major media such as the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* and Torres' success has been the subject of a television reality show; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has been well represented by Torres and his crew by working tirelessly to keep the French Quarter and downtown New Orleans spotlessly clean; and

WHEREAS, these areas are now shining examples of cleanliness that reflects positively on the city, region, and entire state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend SDT Waste and Debris, LLC, and its owner and president, Sidney D. Torres, IV, on their success in cleaning up New Orleans and helping to restore the image and reputation of the city as a tourist destination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to SDT Waste and Debris, LLC.

---

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE