

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHMOND, CONNICK, AND GIROD JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Joan Marie Harris Smith of Marrero.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Joan Marie Harris Smith of Marrero on Sunday, June 13, 2010, at the age of sixty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was widely respected and admired for her service to her loved ones and her community; and

WHEREAS, for ten years, Mrs. Smith was a member of the auxiliary board of Marrero's Cuillier Career Center, which provides hands-on experience for high school students in various trades, and she was a vocal advocate for the center's students and programs; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in New Orleans and Southern University in Baton Rouge, Mrs. Smith was a member of Cops and Clergy and Household of Faith Church and hosted a radio talk show called "Let's Talk About It with Joan Smith"; and

WHEREAS, Joan Smith was a woman whose generosity and loving heart have left an indelible mark on the many people whose lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith deserves recognition and posthumous gratitude for the joy and light that she brought to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Richard Smith, Sr.; her son, Richard Smith, Jr.; two daughters, Richelle C. Smith-Wilson and Rocquel C. Smith; her mother, Guscile Jacobs Weber; her stepfather, Henry Weber; her sister, Remonia H. Roussell; and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, with the death of Mrs. Smith, Louisiana has lost one of her finest citizens, and though her death has created a tremendous void in her community, she will forever remain an inspiration in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Joan Marie Harris Smith of Marrero, does hereby recognize her outstanding achievements and singular contributions, does hereby record for posterity her extraordinary gifts and talents, and does hereby extend appreciation for her enduring legacy that will continue to be a source of great pride and honor for her family and friends, for Jefferson Parish, and for the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Joan Marie Harris Smith.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES