

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of James E. Smith

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of James E. Smith of New  
3 Orleans.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the death of James  
6 E. Smith on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the age of eighty-three; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was born in New Orleans on December 6, 1928, to William  
8 S. Smith and Marie Amalie Gueringer; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith graduated from St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi,  
10 and studied at Loyola University New Orleans and the University of Notre Dame; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith had a long and productive career, serving as president and  
12 chief executive officer of T. Smith & Son Stevedoring Company, president and chief  
13 executive officer of Crescent Towing and Salvage Company, and co-owner/co-founder of  
14 Hospitality Enterprises; and

15 WHEREAS, although Mr. Smith was busy operating multiple successful businesses,  
16 he still found time to serve his community as a member of the board of trustees of Loyola  
17 University, the board of directors of St. Stanislaus College, and the board of directors of  
18 Hibernia National Bank, in addition to serving as former president of the board of  
19 commissioners for the Port of New Orleans, the New Orleans Steamship Association, the  
20 Waterfront Employers Association of New Orleans, the Public Belt Railroad, and Baton  
21 Rouge Marine Contractors; and

1           WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable life, Mr. Smith has earned many accolades,  
2 including the Weiss Memorial Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews,  
3 the Maritime Man of the Year Award from the Propeller Club of the Port of New Orleans,  
4 and the C. Alvin Bertel Award for his contributions to the shipping industry; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his daughter, Shannon Anne Smith,  
6 and brother, Terence J. Smith; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Betty Reuther Smith; sons, James  
8 E. Smith, Jr., Jason L. Smith, M.D., Glenn W. Smith, Duane P. Smith, and Craig W. Smith;  
9 nine grandchildren; brother, William S. Smith, Jr.; and sisters, Lillian Claire Smith and  
10 Marion Rita Smith; and

11           WHEREAS, although the death of James E. Smith has left a tremendous void in his  
12 community, his memory shall live forever in the hearts and minds of all whose lives he  
13 touched.

14           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the  
16 death of James E. Smith and does hereby recognize and record for posterity the unique and  
17 memorable contributions he made to the lives of his family and friends, New Orleans, and  
18 the state of Louisiana.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
20 to the family of James E. Smith.

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#### DIGEST

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