

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 James E. Smith and does hereby recognize and record for posterity the unique and memorable contributions he made to the lives of his family and friends, New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES