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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the legacy of Judah Hertz and Project Swim in Shreveport.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to posthumously recognize Judah Hertz for his faith and confidence in the future of Shreveport and to commend his support of Project Swim which is committed to safeguarding the lives of Shreveport-area children; and

WHEREAS, Judah Hertz was an incredibly unique individual who saw unrealized potential in often overlooked and undervalued people; this skill enabled him to grow his initial $1,000 investment in New York's SoHo neighborhood, which he made in 1977, into the Hertz Investment Group whose holdings constitute more than twenty-one million square feet of "best-in-class" office space across twenty-five different states; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hertz truly believed in the potential of both Shreveport and the ArkLaTex Region, and his faith continues to inspire these areas even after his passing; he proactively sought out ways to help uplift and empower others, especially in the aftermath of the tragic 2010 drownings of the six Stewart and Warner children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hertz funded Project Swim to prevent tragic drownings by providing free swimming lessons to disadvantaged youth in the Shreveport area; Project Swim, to date, has invested more than $750,000 in providing almost eighteen thousand Shreveport-area children with free comprehensive basic water safety and swimming lessons; and

WHEREAS, Judah Hertz, for his compassion and generosity, is most deserving of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the legacy of Judah Hertz and Project Swim in Shreveport and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that Mr. Hertz's example can be followed by others to ensure the safety of all children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Judah Hertz.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES