

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 284

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Harold J. Smith on the honor of having a street in Kentwood named the Harold J. Smith Thruway

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Harold J. Smith on the honor of having a street in Kentwood named the Harold
3 J. Smith Thruway.

4 WHEREAS, Harold J. Smith was the first African American mayor in Kentwood's
5 history, and he served in that capacity with honor for twelve years; he also served for twelve
6 years on the Kentwood Town Council, was a member of the Tangipahoa Parish Zoning
7 Board and Tangipahoa Parish Library Board, and served as president of the Tangipahoa
8 Parish School Board Principals and Supervisors Association; and

9 WHEREAS, professionally, Mr. Smith worked for the Tangipahoa Parish School
10 System for thirty-three years; he began as a teacher and coach at Woodland High School,
11 then served as a teacher, coach, and assistant principal at Kentwood High School; his final
12 role was as principal of Chesbrough Elementary School; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is a graduate of Dillon High School in Kentwood, and he
14 holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern University and a master's degree
15 plus thirty from Southeastern Louisiana University; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is a United States Army veteran who served during the
17 Vietnam War; he is also a life member of Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church
18 where he has served as the chair of the trustee board and the renovation committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Harold J. Smith will be honored on June 19, 2023, during the Juneteenth
20 celebration, when the Harold J. Smith Thruway will be officially designated; he is most
21 deserving of the highest recognition for his unprecedented accomplishments in civil service.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Harold J. Smith on the honor of having a
3 street in Kentwood named the Harold J. Smith Thruway and does hereby express gratitude
4 for his service to the citizens of Kentwood and Tangipahoa Parish.

DIGEST

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