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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Water Wise Gulf South and its founding member Hilairie Schackai.

WHEREAS, Water Wise Gulf South is an environmental awareness organization that was founded in New Orleans in 2018; its mission is to collaborate with community-based organizations to advance green infrastructure; together, the organizations work to raise awareness of environmental issues facing the Gulf South region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Water Wise Gulf South has grown a network of community advocates, which they refer to as the "Water Wise Neighborhood Champions"; today, there are one hundred twenty Water Wise Neighborhood Champions; and

WHEREAS, Water Wise Gulf South installs green infrastructure projects at the homes of the Water Wise Neighborhood Champions, at small businesses, churches, community centers, on vacant lots, and in public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Water Wise Gulf South currently serves the New Orleans area, but the organization is working towards serving the entire Gulf South region; and

WHEREAS, Water Wise Gulf South currently manages one hundred fifty green infrastructure projects and stores up to fifty-five thousand gallons of rainwater per weather event; and

WHEREAS, Hilairie Schackai is one of the founding members of Water Wise Gulf South; and

WHEREAS, Water Wise Gulf South and its founding member Hilairie Schackai are most deserving of recognition for their efforts to help create environmentally-friendly infrastructure in New Orleans and, eventually, across the Gulf South region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Water Wise Gulf South and its founding member Hilairie Schackai; does hereby recognize their efforts to help preserve the Gulf South ecosystem; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that Water Wise Gulf South enjoy success in its mission to raise awareness on the importance of green infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of Water Wise Gulf South.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES