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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

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COMMENDATIONS: Posthumously commends Deborah Henry Mims, the first woman in  
Louisiana to become a professional firefighter

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To posthumously commend Deborah Henry Mims of Shreveport, the first woman in  
3 Louisiana to become a professional firefighter.

4 WHEREAS, the late Captain Deborah Henry Mims of the Shreveport Fire  
5 Department became the first woman in the state to earn the status of professional firefighter  
6 when she was hired by the department in February 1981; although no less than ten women  
7 submitted applications to work for the department, she was the only one capable of passing  
8 the agility test which included climbing a roof, pulling one hundred fifty feet of fire hose,  
9 and carrying a one hundred pound dummy up and down three flights of stairs; and

10 WHEREAS, Captain Mims never faltered in her determination during training or her  
11 career, and she earned the respect of her male contemporaries as a result of her toughness;  
12 her incredible drive and commitment not only earned her a position as a firefighter, but  
13 ultimately carried her through to the rank of captain, the first woman in the Shreveport Fire  
14 Department to achieve that milestone; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Mims's legacy is not limited to the firehouse; she was a single  
16 mother of three when she was hired as a firefighter; when she passed away she had fourteen  
17 grandchildren and a loving husband of twenty-three years; throughout her personal and  
18 professional life she was a woman of strong faith and civic engagement who was active in  
19 her church and her community; and

1           WHEREAS, Captain Deborah Henry Mims was a truly inspiring woman who is most  
2           deserving of the highest recognition for her inspiring and historic life.

3           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
4           Legislature of Louisiana does hereby posthumously commend Deborah Henry Mims of  
5           Shreveport, the first woman in Louisiana to become a professional firefighter and does  
6           hereby preserve for posterity her historic achievements and truly inspiring character.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
8           family of Deborah Henry Mims.

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