



1           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a proud Louisianan, and he made New Orleans his home  
2 after his retirement from football; he was greatly respected for his work in the community  
3 and was heavily involved with his foundation, "Where There's a Will There's a Way"; and

4           WHEREAS, the tragic loss of Will Smith is magnified by the fact that we are only  
5 left to imagine the contributions he might have made to his fellow citizens had his life not  
6 been so untimely ended; and

7           WHEREAS, Will Smith deserves honor and recognition and a sincere measure of  
8 posthumous gratitude for the great joy he brought to his family, friends, teammates, coaches,  
9 and countless fans; and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's survivors include his wife, Racquel, and his children; and

11          WHEREAS, although the passing of Will Smith has left a tremendous void in his  
12 community and in the state of Louisiana, his memory shall live forever in the minds and  
13 hearts of all who knew and loved him and whose lives were touched by this phenomenal  
14 athlete and gentleman.

15          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
16 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the untimely and tragic passing of Will  
17 Smith, former defensive end for the New Orleans Saints; does hereby recognize his  
18 outstanding achievements and singular contributions; does hereby record for posterity his  
19 extraordinary gifts and talents both on and off the football field; and does hereby extend  
20 enduring appreciation for his legacy that will forever be a source of great pride for his  
21 family, friends, the New Orleans Saints, the city of New Orleans, and the entire state of  
22 Louisiana.

23          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
24 to the family of Will Smith.

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DIGEST

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