

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Groundwork New Orleans and its executive director,  
Todd Reynolds

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Groundwork New Orleans and its executive director, Todd Reynolds.

3 WHEREAS, Groundwork New Orleans, GWNO, was established in 2006 with a  
4 vision to engage residents, volunteers, businesses, and local organizations in practical  
5 projects that improve quality of life, restore the ecological function of the physical  
6 environment, and lay the foundation for sustainable development; and

7 WHEREAS, GWNO's mission is "to achieve the mission we share with Groundwork  
8 USA, which is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of  
9 the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships that empower  
10 people, businesses, and organizations to promote environmental, economic, and social well-  
11 being"; and

12 WHEREAS, since GWNO's founding, it has focused on neighborhood-based best  
13 management practices by implementing projects that mitigate storm water threats while  
14 improving quality of life, restoring ecosystems, and contributing to a healthier watershed  
15 that includes surrounding wetlands and the Gulf of Mexico estuaries; these projects include  
16 installing rain gardens and bioswales, community beautification, and improving urban  
17 drainage infrastructure; and

18 WHEREAS, GWNO's programming is centered around youth development through  
19 job and life skills training; its Green Team program employs youth between the ages of  
20 fourteen and eighteen, and the Ground CREW program employs young adults between the  
21 ages of nineteen and twenty-five; these programs undertake environmental improvement and

1 community development projects that focus on green infrastructure and help improve the  
2 quality of life in New Orleans; and

3 WHEREAS, GWNO serves the entire New Orleans area, and with the guidance of  
4 its executive director, Todd Reynolds, the organization manages fifteen active projects in  
5 the city; they are most deserving of recognition for their environmental conservation efforts.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Groundwork New Orleans and its executive  
8 director, Todd Reynolds; does hereby recognize GWNO's efforts to engage local youth in  
9 the improvement of New Orleans; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that the  
10 organization continue to enjoy success in its mission to help conserve the physical  
11 environment of the New Orleans area.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13 executive director of Groundwork New Orleans.

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