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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, GWNO's programming is centered around youth development through job and life skills training; its Green Team program employs youth between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, and the Ground CREW program employs young adults between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five; these programs undertake environmental improvement and community development projects that focus on green infrastructure and help improve the quality of life in New Orleans; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES