

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Graham Louis Smith, Sr., of  
Center Point

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Graham  
3 Louis Smith, Sr., of Center Point.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sadness that the members of the  
5 Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Graham Louis Smith, Sr.,  
6 on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at Grace Home, where he was surrounded by his family; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was born on March 28, 1922, in Alexandria, Louisiana, and  
8 was employed by Central Lumber Company for more than twenty-five years and worked for  
9 J.R. Baker Farms until he was seventy-two; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is preceded in death by his wife, Mathilda Praet Smith; his  
11 parents, James Ferdinand Smith and Mary Elizabeth Verzwylvelt Smith; four brothers,  
12 Jerome, Earnest, Bernard, and Wilburn Smith; one sister, Essie Gueringer; and one  
13 granddaughter, Karyn Smith; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith leaves to cherish his precious memory one sister, Mildred  
15 Hoornstra; three sons, Ferd Smith and wife Kathy, Robert Smith, and Louis Smith, Jr., and  
16 wife Kim; three daughters, Anita Brewer and husband Houston, Libby Matney and husband  
17 Jerry, and Kathy Holt and husband Bobby; thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-  
18 grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a man who truly loved his family and wrote a five-book  
20 chronicle of his life's journey to share with them; and

1           WHEREAS, with the death of Mr. Smith, Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons  
2 whose contributions have left an indelible mark on every person whose life he touched; and

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Smith deserves honor and recognition and a sincere measure of  
4 posthumous gratitude and respect for the light and joy that he brought to the lives of his  
5 family members and friends.

6           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives  
7 of the Legislature of Louisiana do hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the  
8 death of Graham Louis Smith, Sr., do hereby extend the hope that his family and friends will  
9 be granted the strength that they need to cope with the loss of this outstanding citizen, whose  
10 memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved him, and do  
11 hereby extend appreciation for his enduring legacy of honesty, integrity, and hard work that  
12 will forever bring great pride and honor to the central Louisiana community and to the state  
13 of Louisiana.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
15 to the family of Graham Louis Smith, Sr.

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DIGEST

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