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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Robert E. "Bob" Smith Lupo for his service to Lakeview and the city of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Robert E. "Bob" Smith Lupo for his professional achievements and to commend him for his service to the Lakeview neighborhood and the city of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Smith Lupo began his career at the age of fourteen working as a laborer unloading railroad boxcars; he then served as a junior executive with the Southern Railway System, and after a few years, became a salesman for the New Orleans Land Company; and

WHEREAS, Bob formed a real estate development organization with his wife, Hettie; he developed single-family homes, designed by his wife, in the Lakeview neighborhood and ultimately branched out into commercial development; and

WHEREAS, following Hurricane Katrina, Bob took on the significant task of restoring his commercial properties; through this work, he helped stabilize local commerce and contributed to the revitalization of many neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Bob's generosity and support of public institutions strengthened the foundations of the Lakeview community; he made valuable contributions to the Lakeview library, which bears his name, and the New Orleans Fire Department's historic Engine 18 Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, Bob's philanthropic endeavors have inspired his descendants to follow a similarly civic-minded and charitable path; their work has benefitted many institutions in New Orleans, including the National World War II Museum, Tulane University, City Park, and numerous Catholic charities; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. "Bob" Smith Lupo is most deserving of the highest recognition for his outstanding dedication to Lakeview and the city of New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Robert E. "Bob" Smith Lupo for his service to Lakeview and the city of New Orleans and does hereby encourage citizens to follow his example of civic-minded service and philanthropic work.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES