

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Federal Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby on her many accomplishments

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Judge Karen Wells Roby on her recognition by the Greater New Orleans Louis
3 A. Martinet Legal Society for her many contributions to the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Judge Karen Wells Roby has been a Magistrate Judge for the United
5 States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for over thirteen years; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Roby serves as an associate professor at Tulane University Law
7 School's Trial Advocacy Program, which is a semester-long series of simulations in trial
8 skills, and she also participates in Tulane's Civil Litigation Skills Training Program; in these
9 programs, she helps students develop courtroom skills, such as direct and cross-examination,
10 introduction of documents, working with expert testimony, and opening and closing
11 statements; and

12 WHEREAS, in August 2012, as a faculty member of Lawyers/Judges Without
13 Borders, Judge Roby traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, where she and twenty-three other lawyers
14 and judges brought the best United States practices in the area of case management and trial
15 procedure to magistrates, police prosecutors, and criminal defense counsel; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Roby has been very active in teaching civics education and has
17 served as the coordinating Judge for the Eastern District's "Open Doors to Federal Courts
18 Program", a day-long civics education program held in the district court; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Roby also serves as the coordinating judge for the Just the
20 Beginning Foundation/Louisiana State Bar Associations High School Intern Program, which

1 is a three-week intensive simulation law school program that is held every summer in New
2 Orleans for high school juniors and seniors interested in law as a profession; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge Roby is also the former president of the Louisiana Center for
4 Civic Education's Board of Directors, a nonprofit that tailors interactive civics education
5 programs to students from elementary school to high school throughout the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Roby is the cochair of the American Bar Association Section of
7 Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, and a member of the Federal Bar
8 Association's Ethics Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Roby frequently speaks on legal topics throughout the United
10 States, ranging from mediation skills and effectiveness, to electronic discovery, social media
11 and the law, ethical considerations in settlement conferences, and practical tips for the
12 litigator; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Roby is also the author of several published articles in the areas
14 of social media and ethics, settlement and ethics, and attorney fees; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 6, 2013, at its annual gala, the Greater New Orleans Louis A.
16 Martinet Legal Society, Inc., honored Judge Roby for her many significant achievements;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Judge Roby merits a special measure of commendation for the
19 tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her family and friends, her community, and
20 the state of Louisiana.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Karen Wells Roby for her
23 recognition by the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., does hereby
24 record for posterity her noteworthy ascension in the legal field and her outstanding
25 contributions to both the legal profession and her fellow citizens, and extends to her best
26 wishes for continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be
28 transmitted to the Honorable Karen Wells Roby.

DIGEST

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