

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

A RESOLUTION

To commend Judge Karen Wells Roby on her recognition by the Greater New Orleans Louis

A. Martinet Legal Society for her many contributions to the state of Louisiana.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Judge Roby also serves as the coordinating judge for the Just the Beginning Foundation/Louisiana State Bar Associations High School Intern Program, which is a three-week intensive simulation law school program that is held every summer in New Orleans for high school juniors and seniors interested in law as a profession; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES