**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 127** 

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## A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Patricia Haynes Smith and to express enduring gratitude for her outstanding contributions to East Baton Rouge Parish, and the state of Louisiana, particularly during her tenure as a distinguished member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, Patricia Haynes Smith is a notable public servant who has served with excellence as a state representative since taking office in 2008, during which time she has fully used every opportunity to serve the citizens of District No. 67 and the state in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Glenville High School, Representative Smith received a bachelor of science degree in education from Kent State University and pursued post-graduate work at both Louisiana State University and Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a proud member of the Capital Region Delegation; Democratic Caucus, for which she served as whip and treasurer; Black Caucus, for which she served as chair, first vice-chair, and treasurer; and Women's Caucus, for which she served as member at large; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith's diligent committee service has included serving as the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Elementary

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and Secondary Education, and she has served as a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and

WHEREAS, during her time in the House of Representatives, Representative Smith has authored and supported many important pieces of legislation; and

WHEREAS, Pat Smith will forever have a special place in the chronicles of the history of Louisiana, for she is one of Louisiana's most outstanding public servants; and

WHEREAS, as she prepares to embark on the next exciting and productive chapter of her life, Representative Smith merits a sincere measure of commendation for her singular contributions and the exemplary strides she has taken as an exceptional member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Honorable Patricia Haynes Smith; does hereby extend honor and recognition to her for her outstanding accomplishments, particularly during her tenure as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, which has been marked by her uncompromising endeavor to improve the welfare of her constituents in East Baton Rouge Parish and the citizens of the state of Louisiana; and does hereby pay tribute to her for the generous and effective way in which she has dedicated her intelligence and her energy to the service of her family, friends, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana House of Representatives hereby expresses enduring gratitude to Representative Smith for her service to the citizens of Louisiana, as evidenced by her superlative achievements as a member of this distinguished body, and does hereby extend to her the best wishes of all her colleagues for continued prosperity and success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Patricia Haynes Smith.