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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its executive director, Cheryl R. Austin

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its executive director, Cheryl R. Austin.

3 WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., was established in 1993 and serves the
4 Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans; and

5 WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., or GTC, is a community based, 501(c),
6 nonprofit organization that was formed to address all areas of community development,
7 including affordable housing for low-to-moderate income families and the development of
8 small businesses in the Tremé neighborhood; and

9 WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, GTC has worked to improve living
10 conditions in Tremé and preserve the neighborhood's unique culture; it has held over one
11 hundred community meetings to address these issues and helped usher in the development
12 of affordable housing programs, community maintenance programs, a youth-run restaurant,
13 a collaboration with the National American Civilian Corps, health testing, community
14 gardens, housing and credit counseling services, and most recently, water management to
15 prevent flooding; and

16 WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., partnered with Water Wise Gulf South
17 in 2016 to start the Water Wise Tremé Initiative; GTC is currently responsible for fifty-four
18 green infrastructure interventions and stores up to 34,296 gallons of storm water per weather
19 event; and

20 WHEREAS, Cheryl R. Austin is the executive director of Greater Tremé Consortium
21 and a lifelong resident of the Tremé neighborhood; as director, she has advocated for

1 increased funding to alleviate the social and economic struggles of her neighborhood, and
2 as a result of her efforts, the consortium has secured multiple years of both private and
3 public funding to construct new housing and repair low-to-moderate income residents'
4 homes; she has also organized beautification projects, youth services, and cultural events to
5 help uplift the Tremé neighborhood and highlight its unique qualities; she has also advocated
6 to increase awareness of the importance of green infrastructure and stormwater management
7 initiatives; and

8 WHEREAS, Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its executive director, Cheryl R.
9 Austin, are most deserving of recognition for their efforts to preserve the historic Tremé
10 neighborhood in New Orleans.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc., and its
13 executive director, Cheryl R. Austin; does hereby recognize Ms. Austin's inspiring work as
14 an advocate for the Tremé neighborhood, green infrastructure, and stormwater management
15 initiatives; and does hereby extend sincere hopes that they continue to enjoy success in their
16 efforts to preserve the historic Tremé neighborhood and its unique culture.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 executive director of Greater Tremé Consortium, Inc.

DIGEST

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