

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Dorothy V. Smith for her years of service to Dillard University in New Orleans

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Dorothy Vick Smith for her years of service to Dillard University in New  
3 Orleans.

4 WHEREAS, born in New Orleans but reared in McComb, Mississippi, the  
5 professional educational journey of Dorothy Vick Smith began at Jackson State University,  
6 where she received a bachelor of science degree in history education and a master of arts  
7 degree in history; and

8 WHEREAS, the pursuit of excellence in her chosen field led Dorothy V. Smith to  
9 the University of Kansas, where she received a master of philosophy degree in history and  
10 a doctor of philosophy degree in American history; following her terminal degree, Dr. Smith  
11 earned a Society of American Archivists certificate from McGill University in Montreal,  
12 Canada; and

13 WHEREAS, in her ever-expanding quest for knowledge, Dr. Smith traveled to  
14 Austria, China, and Ghana to conduct research; she studied the Russian language at the  
15 University of Iowa and spent additional research time in Russia and Ukraine; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is dean of the College of General Studies, professor of  
17 history, and university archivist at Dillard University in New Orleans; she has taught at  
18 Southern University at New Orleans, Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, the  
19 University of Kansas, and in 2005, was a senior visiting research fellow at Princeton  
20 University; she served as director of the Daniel C. Thompson–Samuel DuBois Cook Honors

1 program and was outreach coordinator at the National Endowment for the Humanities in  
2 Washington, D.C.; and

3 WHEREAS, highly sought nationally for her historical and social knowledge,  
4 Dr. Smith has spoken before church congregations, schools and universities, and labor and  
5 social organizations; she has made presentations at the John C. Stennis Space Center, the  
6 National Center for Black-Jewish Relations conference, and the National Council of Black  
7 Political Scientists conference; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has published in myriad journals; her works have graced the  
9 pages of the *Journal of Southern History*, *African World News*, *Louisiana History*, *African*  
10 *and Asian Studies*, *Talking Drums: The West African News Magazine*, *The Chronicle of*  
11 *Higher Education*, and *Africa Today*; her professional affiliations include membership in the  
12 National Council of Black Studies, the Association for the Study of African American Life  
13 and History, and the Southern Historical Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Dorothy V. Smith was the recipient in 1980 of a Personality of the  
15 South award and in 1981 was honored as an Outstanding Young Woman of America; in  
16 1996, Dr. Smith received an Outstanding Teacher Award from Dillard University and the  
17 United Church of Christ; she was a National Security Exchange Program Fellow in 1997;  
18 she won the Torch Bearer Award: Outstanding Educator in New Orleans in 2008 from the  
19 National Council of 100 Black Women, Inc.; and in 2010, Dr. Smith won the Trail Blazer  
20 Award from the Dillard University Senior Class of 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, the contributions of Dr. Dorothy Vick Smith to the world of academia  
22 and to society cannot adequately be recounted; her service to Dillard University has been  
23 exemplary, and it is fitting to honor this learned woman for her commitment and untiring  
24 dedication to her students, cohorts, and audiences far and wide.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Dorothy Vick Smith for her many years  
27 of service to Dillard University; does hereby recognize and acclaim the research  
28 contributions she has given to the academic world and to society; and does hereby express  
29 best hopes that her mark in history will continue to be made for many years to come.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
2 to Dr. Dorothy Vick Smith.

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DIGEST

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