

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Southern Poverty Law Center for its outstanding contributions to the legislative process.

WHEREAS, founded in Montgomery, Alabama, the Southern Poverty Law Center has been a revered civil rights institution in the deep South for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Southern Poverty Law Center is to seek justice and equity for society's most vulnerable citizens and to provide a voice for the disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Poverty Law Center established an office in New Orleans in 2008 and has made public policy reform a priority in 2010; and

WHEREAS, public policy director Will Harrell, legislative advocate R. Jane Burgin, community advocate Karran Harper Royal, and staff attorney Eden Heilman have worked tirelessly with elected officials, state and local agencies, and other stakeholders to find common ground and propose meaningful policy solutions to issues affecting children and their families and communities, particularly with respect to public education; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Poverty Law Center merits a special measure of commendation for the pride and honor it brings to the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Southern Poverty Law Center for its outstanding contributions to the legislative process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES