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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends Angelo Roppolo of Shreveport for his extraordinary
accomplishments and contributions

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and extend appreciation to Angelo Roppolo of Shreveport for his extraordinary
3 accomplishments and singular contributions to his community and state.

4 WHEREAS, Angelo Roppolo has had a long and remarkable career, during which
5 he has consistently demonstrated his intense determination to fully use every opportunity to
6 improve the welfare of his fellow citizens in an honorable and dedicated manner; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo, who has changed the face of politics in this state, holds
8 a special place in the annals of Louisiana history; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo has played an integral role in many landmark political
10 events in Louisiana, including organizing the campaigns of and helping to elect the first
11 African American judge in Shreveport and in Caddo Parish, the first female judge in Caddo
12 Parish, and the first female judge on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal; and

13 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Roppolo was highly instrumental in electing the first
14 female governor of Louisiana, having served as the campaign chairman for Governor
15 Kathleen Babineaux Blanco in north Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo was actively involved in making the annual Red Mass in
17 Shreveport a successful salute to the legal profession and a special occasion for judges,
18 lawyers, and law enforcement officials of all faiths to pray together to ask for God's blessing
19 and guidance; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo was a founder of the South Shreveport Business
2 Association, an organization dedicated to the success of businesses in a rapidly growing area
3 of his community; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo has been a confidant and supporter of entrepreneurs in
5 Shreveport and has helped many individuals obtain financing for their ventures, many of
6 whom have seen their efforts grow into successful businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo's guidance and counsel have been sought by private
8 citizens, leaders in business and industry, and politicians on the local, state, and national
9 levels for more than seven decades; and

10 WHEREAS, Angelo Roppolo, who is modest and seldom takes credit for his
11 achievements, is known for avoiding the spotlight and for his unwavering loyalty to his
12 friends and his core beliefs and principles, and all who know him are better for it; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo has shown himself to be a man of uncommon strength,
14 dignity, and humility, and he has the love and respect of all who know him and all whose
15 lives he has touched; and

16 WHEREAS, although a party loyalist, Mr. Roppolo stands for righteousness and
17 justice and has never hesitated to support any candidate who has challenged the norm,
18 improved employment and education conditions, and instilled hope through change; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Roppolo has always exhibited praise and gratitude toward those in
20 the armed services and for the men and women who protect this state and nation twenty-four
21 hours a day, seven days a week, and three hundred sixty-five days a year; and

22 WHEREAS, a rare and caring man, Mr. Roppolo sees no color or religion and is truly
23 a source of inspiration that is Heaven-sent; and

24 WHEREAS, Angelo Roppolo is widely beloved, respected, and admired and merits
25 a special measure of sincere and heartfelt commendation for the indelible mark he has left
26 on the state of Louisiana.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Angelo Roppolo of Shreveport for his
29 extraordinary accomplishments, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular
30 contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and

1 honor that he will forever bring to his family, friends, and community, to the city of
2 Shreveport, and to the state of Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
4 Angelo Roppolo.

DIGEST

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Henry Burns

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