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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY BURNS, BURFORD, BURRELL, CARMODY,
NORTON, REYNOLDS, SEABAUGH, THOMPSON, AND PATRICK
WILLIAMS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Angelo Roppolo of Shreveport for his extraordinary accomplishments, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his singular contributions, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to his family, friends, and community, to the city of Shreveport, and to the state of Louisiana.

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