

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATOR ALARIO

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bobby E. Smith, PhD, for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Bobby E. Smith, PhD, for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions  
3 to his fellow citizens.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Bobby E. Smith for his extraordinary  
5 achievements as a law enforcement officer, author, public speaker, and citizen; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1986, when serving with dedication and valor as a Louisiana State  
7 Trooper, Bobby Smith was shot and blinded in the line of duty after eleven years as an  
8 outstanding law enforcement officer; and

9 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith generously and perseveringly shares his knowledge, his  
10 unique gifts and talents, and the insights gleaned from his life experiences with his fellow  
11 citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, a widely respected and admired public speaker, Trooper Smith has  
13 shared his story throughout the state, the nation, and the world, averaging well over one  
14 hundred speaking engagements annually and having spoken to more than one million people  
15 throughout his career; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2001, Trooper Smith founded Foundation for Officers Recovering  
17 from Traumatic Events (FORTE) with the ongoing goal of providing training and counseling  
18 for law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency services personnel, and their families

1 going through traumatic events, and in 2008, he established the Trooper Assistance Program,  
2 which provides peer support, chaplaincy, and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)  
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith is the author of two books, *Visions of Courage: The*  
5 *Bobby Smith Story* and *The Will to Survive*, both of which have left an indelible mark on the  
6 minds and hearts of all who have read them; and

7 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith has a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and a  
8 master of education degree in exercise physiology from the University of Louisiana at  
9 Monroe and a doctor of philosophy degree in counseling and psychology from Pacific  
10 Western University in Los Angeles, California; and

11 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith has been the deserving recipient of numerous honors and  
12 awards on the local, state, national, and international levels, including his receipt of a  
13 Military Order of the Purple Heart National Law Enforcement Citation and being named the  
14 Kiwanis International Lawman of the Year and United States Trooper of the Year, to name  
15 just a few; and

16 WHEREAS, Bobby Smith is an extraordinary and inspiring individual whose helpful  
17 and heroic actions have long gone far and above the call of duty, and he merits a special  
18 measure of commendation for the tremendous pride and honor he brings to the state of  
19 Louisiana.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
21 does hereby commend Bobby E. Smith, PhD, for his dedicated service and contributions to  
22 his fellow citizens, does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the positive impact he has  
23 had on the countless citizens whose lives he has touched, does hereby recognize and record  
24 for posterity his steadfast adherence to the highest standards of bravery, honesty, and  
25 integrity, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for success and happiness in his future  
26 endeavors.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
28 Bobby E. Smith, PhD.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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