

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 169

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ms. Bobbie Smith upon receipt of the Mary Steibel CAREGiver of the Year Award for 2012.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ms. Bobbie Smith of New Orleans, Louisiana, upon her receipt of the 2012 Mary Steibel CAREGiver of the Year Award in recognition of her outstanding work with senior adults.

WHEREAS, it is with great sense of purpose that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does recognize Bobbie Smith for the sincere concern that she exhibits toward the seniors placed in her care and her continuing efforts to improve the lives of older Americans; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Smith has been involved in the care of others since childhood, when she assisted her grandparents who visited and tended to the elderly in their community; and

WHEREAS, during her professional career of caregiving, Bobbie Smith was director of the E. J. Morris Senior Citizens Center in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has a very successful approach in that she first establishes a personal relationship with the client and then interacts with that elderly person to provide daily living assistance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was nominated for her many positive traits that include humor, warmth, spirituality, composure, and loving attitude; and

1 WHEREAS, she received national recognition for her work in April of this year, the
2 Mary Steibel CAREGiver of the Year Award, at the Home Instead Senior Care International
3 Convention in Omaha, Nebraska; selected from 65,000 nominees from the United States and
4 abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, Bobbie Smith continues to encourage, assist, and stimulate her clients
6 in a variety of activities that improves their quality of life and helps them maintain
7 independence while living safely and comfortably in their own residences for as long as
8 possible; and

9 WHEREAS, Bobbie Smith strives to enhance the quality of life for seniors, to
10 encourage them to stay as active as possible, and to bring some happiness to each client
11 whose life she touches; and

12 WHEREAS, Bobbie Smith promotes a positive image of aging and brings joy and
13 comfort to all of her contacts; even in death, she assures them that they are loved and are not
14 alone; and

15 WHEREAS, in her daily devotions Bobbie Smith gives thanks to her creator for the
16 opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, to give comfort and a sense of peace to
17 others, and to radiate God's love; and

18 WHEREAS, Bobbie Smith is a working senior citizen, herself, who believes in the
19 ethic that "Work is easy when you love what you do", which makes her life all the more
20 extraordinary.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby commend Ms. Bobbie Smith upon her receipt of the Mary Steibel CAREGiver
23 of the Year Award for her service to older adults in the Home Instead Senior Care network.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Ms. Bobbie Smith.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

DIGEST

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