

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Women Build program of Rapides Habitat for Humanity.

WHEREAS, Rapides Habitat for Humanity is a partnership between families and the community through which families who need safe, decent, affordable housing partner with caring people in the community to build and buy houses at cost with a no-interest loan; and

WHEREAS, adequate housing is vital to the health and economic well being of central Louisiana, and Rapides Habitat for Humanity plays a significant role in providing homes for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Rapides Habitat for Humanity built its first house in 1990 and has been going strong for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, the Women Build program is an initiative of Habitat for Humanity, and its purpose is to recruit, educate, and nurture women to build simple, decent, and affordable houses in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Women Build puts tools into women's hands and aids them in their effort to help eliminate poverty housing and make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, women make up fifty percent of Habitat for Humanity's volunteer force, and Women Build crews build many Habitat for Humanity homes; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty percent of Habitat for Humanity houses are built with heads of households who are women; and

WHEREAS, through the Women Build program, women crews have built more than one thousand seven hundred fifty Habitat for Humanity houses within the United States and in dozens of other countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Women Build program of Rapides Habitat for Humanity merits a special measure of commendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Women Build program of Rapides Habitat for Humanity, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the admirable way in which the program brings together women from all walks of life to eliminate poverty housing and raise awareness of housing needs in central Louisiana, and expresses appreciation to program participants for helping families to move out of substandard housing and into homes where they can thrive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of Rapides Habitat for Humanity.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES