Introduced March 28, 2006, by Councilman Canada, seconded by Councilman Cromer

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A resolution by the Slidell City Council supporting the Slidell Clean City Committee's request for grant funding from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the Slidell Clean City Committee was established in 2005 to rid the City of litter, to increase awareness, to enhance economic development, and to keep the City's drainage systems clear and free from litter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, with the support of Mayor Ben Morris, the Slidell City Council, and the Slidell Beautification Committee, has enacted new litter ordinances and has renewed efforts to clean up the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell won the District Cleanest City Contest in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell Clean City Committee received a \$1,500 grant from the Rotary Club's District 6840 Simplified Grant Program and the Rotary Club of Slidell to start a program in the elementary schools called "Ending Litter in Slidell - Changing the Culture"; and

WHEREAS, the Slidell Clean City Committee has no City funds earmarked for its use, but has relied on donations to support its cleanup projects during its first year of existence; and

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. is soliciting applications for funding through its Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina caused extensive damage to the City of Slidell, including the flooding of City Hall and other City buildings and property; and

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WHEREAS, the Slidell Clean City Committee lost all of its promotional materials, literature, and tools, including bumper stickers, car litter bags, business information cards, safety vests, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has restarted its clean up campaign and has already scheduled six cleanup events throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has supplied an office to run the operations of the Slidell Clean City Committee and has asked its Chairman, Bill Mauser, to coordinate local and out-of-state volunteers and St. Tammany Parish Prison Trustees to help with the cleanup of the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby support the Slidell Clean City Committee's application for grant proceeds from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. grant funding program.

ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2006.

Greg)Cromer

President of the Council Councilman, District G