

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY REPRESENTATIVES DUPLESSIS, BRYANT, WILFORD CARTER, GAINES,
GREEN, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, AND
NEWELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., was established to encourage the exchange of ideas, promote legal scholarship, advance the science of jurisprudence, promote the administration of justice, uphold the order and ethics of the courts and the profession of law, and promote the welfare of the legal profession in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., uphold the vision of the society's founders, Earl J. Amedee, Israel M. Augustine, Louis Berry, Lionel Collins, Robert F. Collins, Nils R. Douglas, Norman C. Francis, Benjamin J. Johnson, Alvin Jones, Vanue B. LaCour, Ernest N. Morial, Justice Revius Ortique, Jr., J.T. Powell, James Smith, A.P. Tureaud, Freddie Warren, and Lawrence Wheeler; and

WHEREAS, these men had the courage and foresight to found the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society of Louisiana, the precursor to today's organization; they sought to combat the racial injustices and inequalities that existed in the 1950s, such as Jim Crow laws and the barring of African American attorneys from participating in the nation's legal profession; and

WHEREAS, the society is named in honor of an African American pioneer in the legal profession, Louis André Martinet; in 1876, Mr. Martinet became the first African American graduate of Straight University Law School, which is now Dillard University; he had passed the Louisiana Bar Examination in 1875; in addition to practicing law, he served as a politician, educator, activist, journalist, medical doctor, and notary; he was also a key figure in the civil rights activities during the waning years of the Reconstruction era; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., is most deserving of the highest recognition for upholding the values of its founders and those of Louis André Martinet.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the organization continue its incredible work of uplifting the legal profession and, consequently, society by promoting the exchange of ideas and combating discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES