

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVES GAINES, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, FISHER, GLOVER, GREEN, HUGHES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, PIERRE, SELDERS, AND WILLARD AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FIELDS, HARRIS, JACKSON, PRICE, AND TARVER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Monday, May 22, 2023, as Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association Day at the state capitol and commends the council

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, May 22, 2023, as the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar
3 Association Day at the state capitol and to commend the council.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council is an arm of the National Bar Association
5 founded in 1971 and is the largest and oldest association of black judges in the world which
6 has continued its legacy of service, activism, and justice for all; and

7 WHEREAS, the rapid increase in the number of black judges in the United States
8 prompted the National Bar Association's national president, Edward F. Bell, to suggest
9 coordination of an extension of the judicial body within the parent organization to provide
10 an educational vehicle for judges, to reinforce and aid judges to uphold key principles, and
11 to encourage judges to mentor others who enter the profession; and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association has one
13 hundred forty-six active and retired members, with six members as federal judges, across the
14 state of Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association consists
16 of the following 2022-2024 Officers: Judge Lee V. Faulkner, Jr., 24th Judicial District
17 Court, chair; Judge Kern A. Reece, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, chair-elect; Judge

1 Sandra C. Jenkins, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, secretary; Judge Marc E. Johnson, 5th
2 Circuit Court of Appeal, treasurer; and the executive board members: Judge E. Adrian
3 Adams, 24th Judicial District Court, Gretna; Judge Shonda D. Stone, 2nd Circuit Court of
4 Appeal, Shreveport; Judge Derrick D. Kee, 14th Judicial District Court, Lake Charles; Judge
5 Tammy D. Lee, Monroe City Court, Monroe; Judge Trudy M. White, 19th Judicial Court,
6 Baton Rouge; Judge Vercell F. Fiffie, 40th Judicial District Court, Edgard; Judge Rachel D.
7 Johnson, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, New Orleans; Judge D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans
8 Parish Civil District Court, New Orleans; Judge Karelia R. Stewart, 1st Judicial District
9 Court, Shreveport; immediate past chairperson, Judge June B. Darensburg, 24th Judicial
10 District Court, Gretna; and past chairperson, Justice Piper D. Griffin, Louisiana Supreme
11 Court; and

12 WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the provision of justice in Louisiana, the judges of
13 the Louisiana Judicial Council undertake activities for the improvement of law, the legal
14 system, and the administration of justice; and

15 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council is committed to a more diverse ethnic
16 and cultural balance of elected and nonelected judges throughout the state of Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council is committed to achieving the eradication
18 of racial and class bias from the judicial process thereby improving the public's confidence
19 in the judicial system; and

20 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association aspires
21 to be the beacon of light for justice in Louisiana and the world as it works to develop a
22 shared sense of justice that respects the dignity of all human beings; and

23 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council fashions effective remedies for
24 legitimate grievances of the deprived, the oppressed, and the underrepresented in society;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council facilitates and hastens the meaningful
27 integration of the judiciary and of each agency of government controlled by or responsible
28 to the judiciary; and

29 WHEREAS, the motto of the Louisiana Judicial Council is "*Fiat Justitia Ruat*
30 *Coelum*" which means "*Let Justice Prevail Though the Heavens May Fall*"; and

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council provides seminars, conferences, and
2 forums for the exchange of judicial experiences and for the training and continuing
3 education of its members; and

4 WHEREAS, the principle values of the Louisiana Judicial Council are justice and
5 integrity, which are reflected by the respect, spirituality, selfless service, and personal
6 courage of its membership.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 recognize Monday, May 22, 2023, as Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar
9 Association Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring
10 appreciation and gratitude to the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association
11 for its fight for justice and equality within the judicial branch of our government and for its
12 contributions to the judiciary as a whole.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 chairperson of the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association.

DIGEST

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