

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. To recognize and honor Queen Sylvia of Buganda for her outstanding contributions to education, healthcare, cultural preservation, and the empowerment of women and children in Uganda and across Africa.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and honor Queen Sylvia of Buganda for her outstanding contributions to
3 education, healthcare, cultural preservation, and the empowerment of women and
4 children in Uganda and across Africa.

5 WHEREAS, Sylvia Nagginda has had a significant impact on her community in
6 Buganda, the largest kingdom in Uganda, and beyond; and

7 WHEREAS, Sylvia Nagginda was born in England in 1962, to John Mulumba
8 Luswata of Nkumba, Entebbe, and Rebecca Nakintu Musoke, and returned to Uganda
9 shortly thereafter to be raised by her grandparents of the Omusu Clan; and

10 WHEREAS, Sylvia Nagginda received her early education at Lake Victoria Primary
11 School in Entebbe, Gayaza Junior School, and Wanyange Girls School, before continuing
12 her studies in the United States, where she earned an associate degree with honors from
13 LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York, a Bachelor of Arts
14 degree from New York University, and a Master of Arts degree with Distinction in Mass
15 Communication from the New York Institute of Technology; and

16 WHEREAS, she has an impressive work history, having served as a Public
17 Information Officer and Research Consultant at the United Nations headquarters in New
18 York, a proposal writer with Maximus Inc., and as an independent consultant in public

1 relations and business development, applying her skills in public information, economic
2 research, healthcare, human services, and international non-profit activities; and

3 WHEREAS, after living in the United States for 18 years, Sylvia Nagginda returned
4 to Uganda, and in 1998, she became romantically involved with her long-time acquaintance
5 Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II of Buganda, leading to their marriage on August 27, 1999, at
6 St. Paul's Cathedral on Namirembe Hill, and becoming the first queen of Buganda in fifty
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Her Royal Highness Sylvia Nagginda Luswata is one of the founders
9 of the African Queens and Women Cultural Leaders Network, focusing on improving the
10 lives of women and children in Africa through collaboration with organizations such as the
11 African Union, the United Nations, and African governments; and

12 WHEREAS, the Nnabagereka supports the Kabaka's Education Fund, advocating for
13 high-quality education accessible to all children, especially the least advantaged, and places
14 special emphasis on the education of girls, as demonstrated by her role as a Goodwill
15 Ambassador for the United Nations Population Fund and her involvement with the Forum
16 for African Women Educationalists; and

17 WHEREAS, as Queen, Sylvia Nagginda has worked tirelessly to raise awareness
18 about the importance of educating girls, promoting abstinence from premarital sex to prevent
19 HIV/AIDS, and reducing the stigma associated with that disease, and she is the patron of
20 various organizations and heads the Nnabagereka Development Trust Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, she has spearheaded immunization campaigns against measles, polio,
22 tetanus, and other diseases, established the Kampala Ballet and Modern Dance School, and
23 through her Nnabagereka Foundation's Ekisakaate summer camp, has mentored over 30,000
24 Ugandan youth since 2008, emphasizing Buganda culture and teaching valuable life skills;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, Queen Sylvia launched her autobiography, "*The*
27 *Nnaabagereka Queen Sylvia Nagginda Luswata*," in Uganda's capital city Kampala,
28 providing a glimpse into her life, duties, and passions.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
30 does hereby recognize and honor Queen Sylvia of Buganda for her outstanding contributions

1 to education, healthcare, cultural preservation and the empowerment of women and children
2 in Uganda and across Africa.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Her
4 Royal Highness Sylvia Nagginda Luswata, Queen of Buganda.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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