

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation of Louisiana on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, the auxiliary and adopted body of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, Louisiana Jurisdiction, was organized January 12, 1938, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and incorporated by the state of Louisiana on December 4, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Esther Grand Chapter, a nonprofit organization, had a mere ten chapters at its inception; and

WHEREAS, the Esther Grand Chapter now proudly boasts of more than one hundred forty-five chapters and a continuous growing membership of more than five thousand; and

WHEREAS, "Through our Youth" Fraternities the Esther Grand Chapter provides young people with guidance that helps to build character and self-esteem while providing them with a recreational outlet; and

WHEREAS, the Esther Grand Chapter contributes more than \$60,000 annually to Camp Chicota, a youth camp in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, owned and operated by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana and Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, annually, the Esther Grand Chapter makes donations to deserving charities during their Grand Session held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Esther Grand Chapter participates in the following major activities: voter registration, volunteer services, food banks, tutorial services, scholarship awards, sponsors of youth organizations, provides school supplies, Second Harvest Food Drive, Toys for Tots, New Orleans Mission, and sponsors senior citizen functions; and

WHEREAS, the Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation of Louisiana has engaged in philanthropic activities for seventy-five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate and commend the Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation of Louisiana on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Esther Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation of Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE