

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and welcomes its 57th National Convention to Baton Rouge in July of 2015

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for its commitment to achieve
3 social, economic, and political justice and to welcome its national convention to
4 Baton Rouge in July of 2015.

5 WHEREAS, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the Southern Christian Leadership
6 Conference (SCLC) is a nonsectarian advocacy organization established by the late
7 Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and his followers in 1957 to coordinate and assist local
8 organizations working for the equality of African Americans in all aspects of American life;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the SCLC was organized in New Orleans, Louisiana, and its inaugural
11 meeting was held in February of 1957 at New Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans; and

12 WHEREAS, the SCLC had a significant role in the civil rights march in Washington,
13 D.C., and in notable antidiscrimination and voter registration efforts in Albany, Georgia, and
14 Birmingham and Selma, Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, the visibility of the SCLC during the civil rights movement helped with
16 the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

17 WHEREAS, the SCLC aims to promote spiritual principles within its membership
18 and local communities, educate youth and adults in the areas of personal responsibility,
19 leadership potential, and community service, ensure economic justice and civil rights in the
20 areas of discrimination and affirmative action, and eradicate racism; and

1 WHEREAS, in July of 2015, the SCLC will hold its fifty-seventh National
2 Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Southern Christian Leadership
5 Conference for its commitment to achieve social, economic, and political justice and does
6 hereby welcome its fifty-seventh National Convention to Baton Rouge in July of 2015.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
8 to Dr. Charles Steele, Jr., president and chief executive officer of the Southern Christian
9 Leadership Conference.

DIGEST

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