

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATORS JACKSON AND BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Designates Monday May 22, 2023, as Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association Day at the state capitol.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council is an arm of the National Bar Association-Judicial Council founded in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the rapid increase in the number of black judges in the U.S. prompted the National Bar Association's National President, Edward F. Bell, to suggest coordination of an extension of the judicial body within the parent organization as an educational vehicle for judges, a reinforcement for aiding judges to uphold key principles, and to encourage judges to mentor others who enter the profession; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association is the largest and oldest association of black judges in the world which has continued its legacy of service, activism, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association has eighty-three active, forty-three retired, and six federal members from across the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association consists of the following 2022-2024 officers: Judge Lee V. Faulkner Jr., 24th Judicial District Court,

1 Chair; Judge Kern A. Reece, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, Chair-elect; Judge Sandra
2 C. Jenkins, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, Secretary; Judge Marc E. Johnson, 5th Circuit Court
3 of Appeal, Treasurer; and Executive Board Members: Judge E. Adrian Adams, 24th Judicial
4 District Court, Gretna; Judge Shonda D. Stone, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal, Shreveport;
5 Judge Derrick D. Kee, 14th Judicial District Court, Lake Charles; Judge Tammy D. Lee,
6 Monroe City Court, Monroe; Judge Trudy M. White, 19th Judicial Court, Baton Rouge;
7 Judge Vercell F. Fiffie, 40th Judicial District Court, Edgard; Judge Rachel D. Johnson, 4th
8 Circuit Court of Appeal, New Orleans; Judge D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil
9 District Court, New Orleans; Judge Karelia R. Stewart, 1st Judicial District Court,
10 Shreveport, Immediate Past Chairperson; and Judge June B. Darensburg, 24th Judicial
11 District Court, Gretna; and Justice Piper G. Griffin, Louisiana Supreme Court, Past
12 Chairperson; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 WHEREAS, the motto of the Louisiana Judicial Council is, "Fiat Justitia Ruat

