

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

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 social,
3 economic, and political justice and to welcome its national convention to Baton
4 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 other notable civil rights leaders in 1957 to coordinate
8 and assist local organizations working for the equality of African Americans in all aspects
9 of American life; and

10 WHEREAS, the SCLC was organized in New Orleans, Louisiana, and its inaugural
11 meeting was held on February 14, 1957, at New Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the visibility of the SCLC during the civil rights movement, particularly
16 the courageous efforts displayed during the Selma movement, laid the groundwork for the
17 passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

18 WHEREAS, SCLC's nonviolent protests, advocacy, and direct action ensured that
19 civil rights would be placed at the top of the national agenda, securing equal rights for
20 African Americans and helping to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the civil rights
21 movement; and

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

5 WHEREAS, SCLC influence and interest has become international in scope because
6 the human rights movement transcends national boundaries; and

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

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

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

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 153 Original

2015 Regular Session

Gaines

Commends the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and welcomes its 57th National Convention to Baton Rouge, La., in July of 2015.