

1 restaurant was even bombed once; even after segregation laws were overturned, the Chase
2 family's restaurant served as a neutral ground; and

3 WHEREAS, she fed the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., Sarah Vaughan, Nat King
4 Cole, Quincy Jones, Jesse Jackson, Duke Ellington, Thurgood Marshall, James Baldwin, Ray
5 Charles, and presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Chases formed the Edgar "Dooky" Jr. & Leah Chase
7 Family Foundation to support community groups; the foundation seeks to cultivate and
8 support organizations that work for the cultural arts, education, culinary arts, and social
9 justice; and

10 WHEREAS, she was the recipient of numerous notable honors and awards, honored
11 by individuals and organizations like the James Beard Foundation, John Folse, the Coalition
12 of 100 Black Women, the Anti-Defamation League, the *Times-Picayune*, and *NOLA.COM*;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Leah Chase was a culinary legend and an unwavering advocate for civil
15 rights and full inclusion of all; she was a proud entrepreneur, a believer in the spirit of New
16 Orleans and the good will of all people, and an extraordinary woman of faith; and

17 WHEREAS, Leah Chase deserves recognition for service to her community in so
18 many ways and for so many years; the life and legacy of Leah Chase hold a special place
19 in the hearts of many residents of the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 proclaim June 10, 2019, as Leah Chase Day; does hereby commend Leah Chase for over
22 seven decades of success at the renowned Dooky Chase's Restaurant and her many other
23 accomplishments; and does hereby record for posterity her years of dedication to the
24 inclusion of all citizens of the city of New Orleans.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 family of Leah Chase.

DIGEST

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