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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.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To designate Monday, May 22, 2023, as Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar
3	Association Day at the state capitol and to commend the council.
4	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council is an arm of the National Bar
5	Association-Judicial Council founded in 1971; and
6	WHEREAS, the rapid increase in the number of black judges in the U.S. prompted
7	the National Bar Association's National President, Edward F. Bell, to suggest coordination
8	of an extension of the judicial body within the parent organization as an educational vehicle
9	for judges, a reinforcement for aiding judges to uphold key principles, and to encourage
10	judges to mentor others who enter the profession; and
11	WHEREAS, the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association is the largest and
12	oldest association of black judges in the world which has continued its legacy of service,
13	activism, and justice for all; and
14	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association has
15	eighty-three active, forty-three retired, and six federal members from across the state of
16	Louisiana; and
17	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association consists
18	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

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Coelum" which means, "Let Justice Prevail Though the Heavens May Fall"; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Judicial Council provides seminars, conferences, and forums for the exchange of judicial experiences and for the training and continued education of its members; and

WHEREAS, the principle values of the Louisiana Judicial Council are justice and integrity which are reflected by the respect, spirituality, selfless service, and personal courage of its membership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, May 22, 2023, as Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and express enduring appreciation and gratitude to the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association for its fight for justice and equality within the judicial branch of our government and for contributions to the judiciary as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairperson of the Louisiana Judicial Council of the National Bar Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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