# 2023 Regular Session

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

### BY REPRESENTATIVES GLOVER, JENKINS, AND PHELPS

## COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation for its community service on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To commend the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation for its		
3	community service on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary.		
4	WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation (MLK-		
5	CDC) was organized to assist in planning residential and commercial developments in the		
6	Martin Luther King neighborhood of Shreveport, Louisiana, in an effort to restore neglected		
7	properties, roadways, and drainage systems and drive the revitalization of the area; the		
8	organization's mission is: "To improve the educational, residential and socioeconomic needs		
9	of the community"; and		
10	WHEREAS, this year marks twenty years of dedicated community service from the		
11	MLK-CDC, and the organization continues to validate its involvement in the revitalization		
12	of the community, which is the second-largest African American community in the United		
13	States, by forming positive alliances throughout the city and parish; and		
14	WHEREAS, the MLK-CDC's "Lane Project" was completed after the organization		
15	matched Community Development Block Grant funding for a public facility/office building		
16	in conjunction with the Shreveport Office of Community Development; the building opened		
17	in July 2019; the organization also represents the community at meetings of the Shreveport		
18	City Council, Shreveport/Caddo Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission, and Caddo		
19	Parish Commission; and		
20	WHEREAS, the MLK-CDC also instituted the Senior Socialization Program, in		
21	partnership with the Caddo Community Action Agency, for senior residents in the		

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1	community; the program includes guest speakers, bingo, door prizes, and more; it offers		
2	instruction to seniors on how to operate digital media; the organization was also among th		
3	first in the community to offer reusable masks to senior citizens during the COVID-		
4	pandemic, and it subsequently secured funding to hand out pandemic kits throughout sever		
5	communities ranging from the Martin Luther King community to Cedar Grove; and		
6	WHEREAS, the MLK-CDC also offers student tutoring services from certified		
7	teachers and two engineers in partnership with Northwest Louisiana Makerspace Projects		
8	these are available free-of-charge to all students attending Title-1 schools; the center hold		
9	school uniform giveaways and provides free school supplies during its Back-to-School		
10	Program; and		
11	WHEREAS, the MLK-CDC supports numerous local events including the African		
12	American History Parade, Cooper Road USA Parade, and various Mardi Gras krewe		
13	parades; the organization also participates in the Great American Clean Up, sponsored b		
14	Shreveport Green, where it has won first prize for large group, city-wide trash pickup or		
15	numerous occasions; and		
16	WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation is an		
17	inspiring organization that is worthy of the highest recognition for its efforts to revitalize the		
18	underserved communities of Shreveport.		
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby		
20	commend the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation for its community		
21	service on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary and does hereby extend sincerest wishe		
22	for the organization's continued success in its revitalization efforts.		

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Commends the Martin Luther King Community Development Corp. for its community service on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.