

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR BROOME

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Baton Rouge chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., upon the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary and designates May 21, 2014, as "Jack and Jill Day at the Capitol".

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Baton Rouge chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., upon the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary and designates May 21, 2014, as "Jack and Jill Day at the Capitol".

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill is a premier national family organization founded on January 24, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the late Marion Stubbs Thomas; and

WHEREAS, twenty mothers came together to discuss creating an organization to provide social, cultural and educational opportunities for youth between the ages of two and nineteen; and

WHEREAS, today, the organization boasts over two hundred twenty chapters nationwide, representing over thirty-thousand members and each chapter plans annual programing activities guided under a national theme; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and since its inception has distributed millions of dollars across the country by supporting programs to develop leadership skills, improving academic test scores, encouraging cultural awareness and instilling moral and social responsibility in America's youth; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America is divided into seven regions nationally and

1 Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico are members of the south central region; and

2 WHEREAS, the boundaries of the Baton Rouge chapter include the parishes of East
3 and West Baton Rouge, Ascension, East and West Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and
4 a portion of Livingston; and

5 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge chapter of Jack and Jill was organized as a mother's
6 interest group in 1959 by Marjorie Dumas Lawless, and after the national convention in
7 1962, was approved as a provisional chapter with eighteen mothers initiated as charter
8 members; and

9 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge chapter places a high valuation on activities to
10 promote the goals and aims of the organization through the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of
11 Service, literacy initiatives, voter registration drives, donations to battered women shelters
12 and the elderly living in nursing homes, feeding the homeless, and healthy eating for
13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, the women of the chapter affectionately refer to Jack and Jill as "A
15 labor of love", and since 1980, the chapter annually hosts its signature event, Breakfast with
16 Santa, which serves a hot breakfast to well over 500 individuals, provides generous toys and
17 crafts for children, and entertainment for those in attendance; and

18 WHEREAS, in the words of the organization's founder, "To us as mothers, it has
19 become a means of furthering an inherent and natural desire to bestow upon our children all
20 the opportunities possible for a normal and graceful approach to a beautiful adulthood"; and

21 WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge chapter of Jack and Jill merits a special measure of
22 commendation as they visit the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 commend the Baton Rouge chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. upon the celebration of
25 their fiftieth anniversary and designates May 21, 2014, as "Jack and Jill Day at the Capitol".

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 Baton Rouge Chapter of Jack and Jill America, Inc.

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

DIGEST

Broome

SCR No. 133

Commends the Baton Rouge chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., upon the celebration of their 50th anniversary and designates May 21, 2014, as "Jack and Jill Day at the Capitol".