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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

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

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

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 the 3 first in the community to offer reusable masks to senior citizens during the COVID-19 4 pandemic, and it subsequently secured funding to hand out pandemic kits throughout several 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 holds 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 by 14 Shreveport Green, where it has won first prize for large group, city-wide trash pickup on 15 numerous occasions; and 16 WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation is an inspiring organization that is worthy of the highest recognition for its efforts to revitalize the 17 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 wishes 22 for the organization's continued success in its revitalization efforts.

## DIGEST

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