

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR JENKINS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the Louisiana-based councils of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) for their outstanding contributions to civic engagement, leadership, and community service, and to honor Dr. Ralph "RJ" Johnson and Amonie M. Johnson for their national leadership within the NPHC.

WHEREAS, the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), founded on May 10, 1930, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., serves as the collaborative umbrella organization for nine historically African American international Greek-lettered fraternities and sororities, collectively known as the "Divine Nine"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NPHC is to foster cooperative action, promote academic excellence, and advocate for social justice and civic responsibility among its affiliate organizations and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to vibrant and impactful local NPHC councils, including the Greater Baton Rouge Area NPHC, Greater Monroe Area NPHC, Greater New Orleans Area NPHC, Lafayette NPHC, Lake Charles NPHC, and Shreveport NPHC, each of which upholds the ideals of scholarship, service, leadership, and unity; and

WHEREAS, these Louisiana-based NPHC councils have made significant contributions through educational scholarships, voter engagement initiatives, community health campaigns, youth mentorship programs, and service projects that uplift and empower local communities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is further distinguished by the national leadership of two of its own citizens, Dr. Ralph "RJ" Johnson of Shreveport, who serves as the National First Vice President of the NPHC Board of Directors, and Amonie M. Johnson of New Orleans, who serves as the Area 4 Coordinator for the NPHC Board of Directors, both of whom have demonstrated exemplary service, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing the mission and impact of the NPHC on a national scale; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Johnson exemplify the highest ideals of leadership, service, education, and community advocacy, bringing great honor to the state of Louisiana through their distinguished contributions to the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the broader community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and recognize the Greater Baton Rouge Area NPHC, Greater Monroe Area NPHC, Greater New Orleans Area NPHC, Lafayette NPHC, Lake Charles NPHC, and Shreveport NPHC for their extraordinary service, leadership, and positive impact and Dr. Ralph "RJ" Johnson and Amonie M. Johnson are hereby recognized for their national leadership within the NPHC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Dr. Ralph "RJ" Johnson, and Amonie M. Johnson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE