

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATORS BARROW AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 and Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of both of these chapters in Clinton, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the chapters are both celebrating fifty years of helping those in need in the Clinton, Louisiana, area; and

WHEREAS, in May 1970, a group of men from the Clinton area petitioned to form Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 and on July 1, 1970, the request was granted, confirming a warrant of constitution, signed by Most Worshipful Grand Master, T. J. Hawkins of the Most Worshipful Universal Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in July 1970, a like-minded group of women in Clinton was granted the Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star petition to establish the chapter, signed by Grand Matron Mable H. Risner, Star Hope Grand Chapter in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the members of Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star have assisted those in need in the communities of the Felicianas, served as a positive social organization spreading good cheer in their community and supported the brother organization, Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238, and has enjoyed fellowship events with other chapters of Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, as it celebrates fifty years of giving back and being involved in the community life in the Felicianas, Progressive Chapter 186 of Order of the Eastern Star is led by: Worthy Matron Lillie M. Brown, Associate Matron Lorraine Tapp, Secretary Brenda Matthews, Treasurer Mary J. Williams, Worthy Patron Warren Jefferson, and Associate Patron Willie White; and

WHEREAS, Progressive Chapter 186 remains under the jurisdiction of Star of Hope Grand Chapter, led by Most Worshipful Grand Matron Margaret Bowie-Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 members have assisted the needy and less fortunate in the community, supplied children with backpack giveaways, and supported its sister organization, the Progressive Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 186; and

WHEREAS, as they look forward to continuing to serve their community, Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 is led by Worshipful Master Samuel Brown Jr., Senior Warden Warren Jefferson, Junior Warden Arthur Weatherspoon, Treasurer Willie White, and the Reverend David Thomas Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 continues under the jurisdiction of Most Worshipful Universal Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. led by Most Worshipful Grand Master Joseph L. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, both Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 and Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star take seriously their role in serving the most needy in their community as well as providing fellowship for their members and are equally grateful to those who led the movement to establish these chapters in 1970 and those founding officers; and

WHEREAS, the founding officers of Lodge 238 were Worshipful Master Woodrow Wilson, Senior Warden Leander McKneely, Junior Warden Frank Scott, Secretary James Guy, Treasurer Newman Jefferson and Lodge chaplain was the Reverend T. M. Phillips, after whom Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 was named; and

WHEREAS, the original officers of Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star were Worthy Matron Mary B. Coleman, Associate Matron Marie Quiet, Secretary Dorothy Wilson, Treasurer H. Bell, Worthy Patron Reason Davis, and Associate Patron Leander McKneely; and

WHEREAS, a great deal of pride in their many accomplishments over the past fifty years, the members of Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 and Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star look forward with anticipation and commitment to continuing to better the lives of those in their community and to serving the social needs of their members for another fifty years, looking forward to their centennial in the year 2070.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

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does hereby commend the Phillip's Masonic Lodge 238 and Progressive Chapter 186 Order of the Eastern Star on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of both of these chapters in Clinton, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Worshipful Master Samuel Brown Jr. and Worthy Matron Lillie M. Brown on behalf of the members of their respective chapters.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE