

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW), Incorporated, Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter and to recognize, May 26, 2022, as NCBW of Metropolitan Baton Rouge Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the NCBW Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter is a local affiliate of a nationally recognized nonprofit organization with sixty-one chapters across the United States whose mission is to advocate on behalf of black women and girls and to realize a world where socio-economic inequity does not exist; and

WHEREAS, the organization is purposed to foster principles of equal rights and opportunities through promoting awareness of black culture, developing effective leaders, and participating in civic affairs; the organization also seeks to actively address specific issues of national and international importance while collaborating with individuals and organizations to achieve mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter of the NCBW was chartered in the Fall of 2014, and has worked to advocate on behalf of black women and girls through national and local actions utilizing strategic alliances that promote leadership development and gender equality in the areas of education, economic empowerment, and health; and

WHEREAS, with its diverse group of change agents united through a shared vision to advocate for black women and girls without apology, the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter of the NCBW aims to set a standard of excellence, create a legacy of forward-thinking leaders, and serve its community through leadership, commitment, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter of the NCBW understands that

a healthy community is a better community, and to that end, the organization has implemented initiatives such as the Childhood and Family Obesity Initiative, the NCBW Cancer Health Disparities Program, the NCBW Metabolic Syndrome Initiative, and the Prevention/Decrease Mortality Initiative to improve health outcomes, decrease mortality among black women and girls, make health care more accessible in the Baton Rouge metropolitan area as well as cultivate culturally competent research that benefits the whole community; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter offers community outreach with events such as the "Let's Chop It Up" program which focuses on healthy meal consumption and provides an interactive exercise session called "Maintaining Me, Mind, Body and Soul," which offers self-care strategies and fun exercises that can be performed anywhere to enhance clarity and productivity; other community outreach programs offered include "Taking Control of the Cluster" which provides health education to inform the community about metabolic syndrome and diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevention; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW delivers support services that help youth achieve their educational goals by fostering positive self-perception, encouraging excellence in education, and promoting the pursuit of positive lifelong goals; NCBW is creating future leaders through programs including "Beaucoup Vitabu: Black Girls Love to Read Too!" which is purposed to increase literacy in girls entering kindergarten through eighth grade while fostering positive mentor relationships with the women of the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter; support programs such as the "Mother's Day Miracle" which provide an educational opportunity for girls and their mothers focused in the area of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics; the organization also has a program that annually awards scholarships to high school seniors, college, and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW, the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter, hosts economic programs focusing on financial literacy, family wealth building, and entrepreneurship that promote economic self-sufficiency; another economic program is the "SISTER-NOMIC\$™" which is an economic empowerment program that fosters a philosophical mindset in its participants by advocating for pay equity, promoting women-owned businesses, and providing legal aid and estate planning; and

WHEREAS, advocacy is one of the organization's greatest missions; the public policy committee of the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter focuses on civic engagement, voter registration, and increasing women candidates for political office; the Chapter has hosted a "Meet the Candidates" event for the East Baton Rouge Parish special election, and the "Break the Bias" event which commemorated International Women's Day featuring speakers from around the globe who discussed strategies to overcome bias in today's society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter and its commitment to improving the lives of black women and girls and does recognize May 26, 2022, as National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, Metropolitan Baton Rouge Chapter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE