

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH AND COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Ralph Slaughter, the Grand Master and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Hall Masons of Louisiana and Grand Chancellor for the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, upon the celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph Slaughter has served the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Louisiana, and it is appropriate to recognize the many contributions he has made to society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Slaughter holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting and finance, a master of public administration, and a doctorate of public policy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Slaughter is also a certified public accountant and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Beta Gamma Sigma international honor society for business; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Slaughter served as president, vice president, and Bayou Classic coordinator of the Southern University System and is also a former secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Slaughter has held many leadership positions on various boards, including serving as chairman of the board of La Capitol Federal Credit Union, chairman of the board of directors of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, president of the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities, director of finance for the Louisiana Special Olympics, and president of the Louisiana chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Slaughter also holds membership in the Louisiana Juvenile Justice Commission, the Conference of Louisiana Men's Health Awareness Commission, the

Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund governmental affairs committee, the board of directors of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, the Mid City Redevelopment Alliance board of directors, the board of directors of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, and the Treasury Management Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Slaughter served on the thirty-seventh Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council, was featured on *Ebony Magazine's* list of the 100 Most Influential African American Leaders, in 2005, 2006, and 2007, and in 2008 was featured in the Ebony Power 150; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and governmental entities have recognized the numerous contributions that Dr. Slaughter has made to his community and he merits a special measure of commendation for the lasting impact that his service and dedication has made in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Ralph Slaughter, the Grand Master and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Hall Masons of Louisiana and the Grand Chancellor for the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the Masons of Louisiana, does hereby record for posterity the many good works and sacrifices he has made toward the betterment of his community, and does hereby recognize the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to all Masons across the state of Louisiana, particularly upon the celebration of their one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Ralph Slaughter, Grand Master and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Hall Masons of Louisiana and Grand Chancellor for the United Supreme Council, Southern jurisdiction.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES