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## **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2011

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY SENATOR MURRAY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Martha Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in honor of their annual Grand Session to be held on June 26-30, 2011, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Martha Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in honor of their annual
3	Grand Session to be held on June 26 through June 30, 2011, in New Orleans,
4	Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, the Order of Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the
6	world to which both women and men belong, with a worldwide membership of over one
7	million; and
8	WHEREAS, the social order of Eastern Star is comprised of persons with spiritual
9	values and has appeals that rests in the true beauty of refreshing and character-building
10	lessons that are sincerely portrayed in the Order's work; and
11	WHEREAS, a deep fraternal bond exists between members, with a wholesome
12	relationship of sisterly and brotherly love brought about through high principles exemplified
13	in the lives of its members; and
14	WHEREAS, the Order is composed of people who are of deep spiritual convictions,
15	and is open to all faiths, with a focus on the welfare of its members; and
16	WHEREAS, the Martha Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star was organized on
17	December 29, 1927, under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand
18	Inspector Generals thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

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1	of Free Masonry for the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana, its Territories and
2	Dependences; and
3	WHEREAS, the emblem of the Order is a five point star with a white ray of the star
4	pointing toward the manger; and
5	WHEREAS, the character building lessons taught in the Order are stories inspired
6	by biblical figures; and
7	WHEREAS, the Martha Grand Chapter is domiciled in New Orleans, Louisiana and
8	is a fraternal organization built on the principles of faith, hope, and love; and
9	WHEREAS, the Martha Grand Chapter holds its Grand Session annually, the
10	Monday after the fourth Sunday in June, at a place as designated by the Grand Chapter; and
11	WHEREAS, the Martha Grand Chapter has subordinate chapters in Connecticut,
12	Rhode Island, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C.,
13	Washington, and Wisconsin; and
14	WHEREAS, past Grand Matrons of Martha Grand Chapter include sisters Lillian
15	Loeb, Kate Jones, Ethel D. Ford, Rose Mary Young and the present Grand Matron, Emeld
16	Keys; and
17	WHEREAS, past Grand Patrons include brothers Robert Coston, Theodore Williams,
18	Chester Lewis, Lawrence Blount and the present Grand Patron, Walter Evans Jr.; and
19	WHEREAS, Sister Emeld M. Keys, Grand Worthy Matron of Martha Grand Chapter,
20	Order of Eastern Star, has called the Grand Session, Sunday, June 26, 2011, in a
21	Thanksgiving Service, at the New Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana where Dr.
22	C.S. Gordon, Jr., will deliver the sermon; and
23	WHEREAS, the business session will open at Doubletree Hotel in New Orleans,
24	Louisiana and will last through Wednesday, June 29, 2011, where the election of the grand
25	officers will be held; and
26	WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 30, 2011, the Grand Amaranth Court will open a
27	grand banquet and installation of grand officers.
28	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29	commend the Martha Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star in honor of their annual Grand
30	Session to be held on June 26 through June 30, 2011.

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## 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sister

2 Emeld M. Keys, Grand Worthy Matron.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

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DIGEST

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