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Senate Resolution No. 413

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING Jubilee Day on June 1, 2025, honoring the legacy and perseverance of Prince Hall Shriners

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate historic events that have shaped the course of justice, equality, and progress within our communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate Jubilee Day, an annual observance honoring the historic legal victory of Prince Hall Shriners, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Day marks the June 3, 1929, unanimous ruling by the United States Supreme Court, affirming the legal rights of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.), to exist and operate, securing their place as an essential institution within the Masonic and fraternal community; and

WHEREAS, This landmark decision represented not only a victory for Prince Hall Shriners, but a defining moment in the ongoing pursuit of equity, self-determination, and fraternal unity, reinforcing the fundamental principles of justice, perseverance, and brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, For nearly a century, Jubilee Day has been a time of reflection, gratitude, and rededication to the mission of Prince Hall Shriners, whose unwavering commitment to charity, community service, and empowerment continues to uplift individuals and families across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Through scholarship programs, medical aid initiatives, mentorship, and civic engagement, Prince Hall Shriners remain steadfast in their efforts to promote education, healthcare access, and economic advancement for those in need; and

WHEREAS, On this Jubilee Day, we celebrate the resilience, unity, and enduring legacy of Prince Hall Shriners, recognizing their profound contributions to historical progress, community enrichment, and the Masonic tradition; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the significance of this historic occasion and to recognize the profound impact of Jubilee Day in shaping the enduring mission of Prince Hall Shriners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate Jubilee Day, honoring the legacy and perseverance of Prince Hall Shriners, to be observed on Sunday, June 1, 2025, and to extend sincere appreciation to all members for their unwavering commitment to service, excellence, and empowerment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the leadership of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine (A.E.A.O.N.M.S.).