

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes March 2022 as Women's History Month and honors trailblazing females

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize March 2022 as Women's History Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor
4 the generations of trailblazing women and girls who have built the country, shaped its
5 progress, and strengthened the character of the American people; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, despite hardship, exclusion,
7 and discrimination, women have strived for equity and equality in communities across the
8 country; and

9 WHEREAS, generations of women continue to lead the fight for justice that
10 characterizes American history, a struggle exemplified by the attempt of black women to end
11 slavery, advocate for civil rights, and pass the Voting Rights Act, or by suffragists to pass
12 the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution so that no American would be denied the right
13 to vote on the basis of sex; and

14 WHEREAS, standing on the shoulders of the heroines who came before them,
15 today's women and girls continue to carry forward the mission of ensuring that their
16 daughters have the same opportunities as their sons; and

17 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize four heroines in Louisiana who are
18 also trailblazers: Leona Tate, Gail Etienne, and Tessie Prevost, otherwise known as The
19 McDonogh Three, who were the first students to be escorted by U.S. marshals when they
20 arrived at an all-white segregated school called McDonogh No. 19 in New Orleans; and

1 then-six-year-old Ruby Bridges, who, in 1960, helped to integrate another New Orleans
2 school, William Frantz Elementary; and

3 WHEREAS, because of their bravery and commitment to justice, such women and
4 girls have helped to make for a better state, nation, and world.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize March 2022 as Women's History Month in
7 Louisiana and does hereby call upon the citizens of Louisiana to celebrate female trailblazers
8 who have contributed to the history of the state.

DIGEST

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