

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dorothy Prevost for her efforts to preserve the legacy of the New Orleans Four

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dorothy Prevost for her efforts to preserve the legacy of the New Orleans  
3 Four.

4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Prevost is the mother of the late Tessie Prevost-Williams and  
5 the last-living parent of the New Orleans Four who desegregated public schools in New  
6 Orleans, Louisiana, on November 14, 1960; and

7 WHEREAS, Tessie was joined by Gail Etienne, Leona Tate, and Ruby Bridges, and  
8 they became the first students to desegregate the public elementary schools in New Orleans,  
9 bravely igniting a national movement; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Prevost has worked tirelessly to ensure that history fully  
11 acknowledges the sacrifices of all four of these civil rights leaders; in 2020, the New Orleans  
12 City Council unanimously supported a resolution establishing November 14 as New Orleans  
13 Four Day, and the mayor presented Ms. Etienne, Ms. Tate, and Mrs. Prevost-Williams with  
14 keys to the city; and

15 WHEREAS, November 14, 2025, will mark the sixty-fifth anniversary of the New  
16 Orleans Four's historic walk, and it is most fitting to recognize Dorothy Prevost for her  
17 continued efforts to ensure that all members of the New Orleans Four receive their much  
18 deserved recognition for catalyzing a national desegregation movement.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dorothy Prevost for her efforts to preserve  
21 the legacy of the New Orleans Four and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to join in

1 recognizing the incredible bravery displayed by Tessie Prevost, Gail Etienne, Leona Tate,  
2 and Ruby Bridges on November 14, 1960.

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