

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dorothy Prevost for her efforts to preserve the legacy of the New Orleans Four and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to join in recognizing the incredible bravery displayed by Tessie Prevost, Gail Etienne, Leona Tate, and Ruby Bridges on November 14, 1960.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES