

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Valena Purvis Lane on a lifetime of achievements in education, the humanities, and community activism

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Valena Purvis Lane on a lifetime of achievements in education, the
3 humanities, and community activism.

4 WHEREAS, Valena Purvis Lane is a native of Mansfield and a sixty-two-year
5 resident of Grambling, Louisiana; she was educated in DeSoto Parish public schools and
6 accepted a band scholarship to attend Grambling State University, where she played clarinet
7 in the GSU Tiger Marching Band; she also attended San Francisco State College,
8 Northwestern State University, and Louisiana Tech University; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Lane completed a master's degree plus thirty hours and has been
10 certified as a housing manager by the National Center for Housing Management in
11 Washington, D.C.; and

12 WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-one, Ms. Lane began a teaching career in the public
13 school systems of Webster and Lincoln Parishes; after retiring from teaching at the age of
14 forty-one, she accepted a role as secretary of the Grambling Housing Authority and later
15 served as the authority's executive director; and

16 WHEREAS, while serving as executive director of the Grambling Housing
17 Authority, Ms. Lane wrote several grants to the Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development that resulted in the construction of one hundred seventy-eight total public
19 housing units in three complexes: Liberty Lane, Perkins Lane, and West Grambling Lane;
20 she secured a fifteen-passenger van to transport residents to church and other local
21 educational events and sponsored educational trips for disadvantaged residents, including

1 a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida; she retired from her role with the housing
2 authority in 1997; and

3 WHEREAS, four months after retiring from the Grambling Housing Authority,
4 Ms. Lane was asked by State Representative Pinkie C. Wilkerson to serve as the executive
5 director of her non-profit, Community Coordinating Council, Inc. (CCC); and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Lane has directed numerous educational seminars and organized
7 numerous trips, including two United States presidential inaugurations, Niagara Falls,
8 Toronto, New York City, and more; she recently experienced a ten-day tour of the Holy
9 Land in Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Lane has received numerous awards and honors, including the
11 Louisiana Housing Council's Extra Mile Award and the Outstanding Community Service
12 Award from the Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce; she was awarded The
13 Presidential Citation by the National Association for Equal Opportunity for Higher
14 Education in recognition of exemplary experiences that honor Grambling State University;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Lane is a former member of the Monroe-Grambling Chapter of The
17 Links, Inc., and currently holds Golden Life Membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
18 Inc.; she was recently inducted as an honorary member of the Pi Gamma Mu International
19 Honors Society; she serves on the Pinkie C. Wilkerson Life Development Center board of
20 directors and formerly served on the board of directors for Humanitarian Enterprise for
21 Lincoln Parish; she worked with Friends of the Lincoln Parish Library and mentored a
22 student attending the Louisiana State School for the Blind in Ruston; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Lane is a longtime member of New Rocky Valley Baptist Church,
24 where she serves as the Children's Church director and secretary for the trustee board; she
25 has been named "Woman of the Year" for New Rocky Valley and the Grambling Charter
26 Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; and

27 WHEREAS, Valena Purvis Lane is an educator, humanitarian, community activist,
28 civic leader, organizer, and public servant who is most deserving of the highest recognition
29 for her inspiring career.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Valena Purvis Lane on a lifetime of
3 achievements in education, the humanities, and community activism, and does hereby
4 express enduring appreciation for her many contributions to the state of Louisiana and
5 beyond.

DIGEST

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