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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., and its work with children in foster care

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2 To commend Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., and its work with children in foster care. 3 WHEREAS, Geaux 4 Kids was first formed by K.C. Kilpatrick as an independent, 4 grassroots effort; she was motivated to create Geaux 4 Kids after she became a foster parent 5 in 2013; this experience made her aware of the stress brought about by trying to adequately 6 prepare to house a foster child; and 7 WHEREAS, Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., was formalized in 2015 and was registered as a 8 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; the organization is an advocate for children in foster care 9 and provides support for their well-being through various projects, programs, and 10 collaborations; the organization's operations were funded solely by volunteers and donations 11 for its first five years; and 12 WHEREAS, the mission of Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., is "to ease the emergency transition 13 of displaced children into protective custody of foster care;" its "Project Geaux Bags" helps 14 foster children during the first twenty-four hours after they are removed from their homes; 15 the bag contains essentials such as pajamas, underwear, toiletries, age-appropriate comfort 16 items, a school backpack, a pillow, a blanket, water, snacks, and a note of encouragement; 17 the bags are provided to regional offices of the Louisiana Department of Children and 18 Family Services, and social workers give them to children as they are relocated to a foster 19 home; and

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1 WHEREAS, Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., is a truly inspiring organization that is providing 2 an extremely necessary yet often overlooked service to children who are uprooted. The 3 organization and its founder, K.C. Kilpatrick, are most deserving of the highest recognition. 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., and its work with 6 children in foster care; does hereby recognize its founder, K.C. Kilpatrick, for her inspiring 7 dedication to the improvement of the transition experience for foster children; and does 8 hereby extend sincere wishes that Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., continues to receive the support it 9 needs to further its mission to aid foster children and families. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 11 executive director of Geaux 4 Kids, Inc.

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