

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize four heroines in Louisiana who are also trailblazers: Leona Tate, Gail Etienne, and Tessie Prevost, otherwise known as The McDonogh Three, who were the first students to be escorted by U.S. marshals when they arrived at an all-white segregated school called McDonogh No. 19 in New Orleans; and then-six-year-old Ruby Bridges, who, in 1960, helped to integrate another New Orleans school, William Frantz Elementary; and

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES