

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 29, 2024, as Black Women in STEM Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, black women have historically faced significant barriers in pursuing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers; according to the National Science Foundation, black women make up only 2.2% of the STEM workforce in the United States, yet the contributions of black women in science are invaluable to the advancement of knowledge and the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, Angelle Bradford, from Baton Rouge, has achieved a significant milestone by defending her Ph.D. in physiology at Tulane University School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Sciences graduate program, demonstrating excellence and perseverance in her scientific journey in the study of atherosclerosis, cardiovascular disease, and type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize and celebrate the achievements of black women in science to inspire future generations and to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within scientific fields; promoting science education and health literacy among underrepresented groups is vital for fostering innovation and addressing disparities in health care and research; and

WHEREAS, encouraging and supporting black women in science will contribute to a more equitable and diverse workforce, leading to broader perspectives and solutions to the challenges facing our society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 29, 2024, as Black Women in STEM Day at the state capitol; does hereby honor Angelle Bradford and her remarkable achievement in defending her Ph.D. in physiology; does hereby urge all citizens to recognize the importance of supporting black women in STEM; and does hereby encourage the legislature to promote science education and health literacy to ensure a diverse and inclusive future for Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES