

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living survivor of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, on the occasion of her one hundred eleventh birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living survivor of the 1921 Tulsa race
3 massacre, on the occasion of her one hundred-eleventh birthday.

4 WHEREAS, Viola Ford Fletcher, also known as Mother Fletcher, is an inspiring
5 woman and humanitarian who exemplifies grace, dignity, resilience, perseverance, and
6 pragmatism; and

7 WHEREAS, Mother Fletcher is one of two living survivors of the 1921 Tulsa race
8 massacre which took place in the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of the
9 wealthiest black communities in the United States in the 1920s and known as "Black Wall
10 Street"; and

11 WHEREAS, Mother Fletcher lived in Greenwood with her parents and four siblings,
12 and she was only seven years old when the massacre forced her family to flee their home;
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14 WHEREAS, Mother Fletcher testified before Congress on May 19, 2021, one
15 hundred years after the events of the Tulsa race massacre, and recounted the lasting impact
16 that the tragedy has had on her life; and

17 WHEREAS, Viola Ford Fletcher is the oldest living witness of the 1921 Tulsa race
18 massacre, and she is most deserving of the highest recognition for her incredible resilience
19 and for her continued efforts to preserve the legacy of Black Wall Street.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living

1 survivor of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, on the occasion of her one hundred eleventh
2 birthday and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper and enjoy
3 good health for many more years to come.

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Commends Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living survivor of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, on the occasion of her 111th birthday.