

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mother Fletcher lived in Greenwood with her parents and four siblings, and she was only seven years old when the massacre forced her family to flee their home; and

WHEREAS, Mother Fletcher testified before Congress on May 19, 2021, one hundred years after the events of the Tulsa race massacre, and recounted the lasting impact that the tragedy has had on her life; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Viola Ford Fletcher, the oldest living survivor of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, on the occasion of her one hundred eleventh birthday and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper and enjoy good health for many more years to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES