

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale on its positive influence on women in New Orleans and across the United States.

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale was founded in 2013 by thirteen trailblazing women, including Dr. Gwendolyn V. Rainey, Ann Marie Allen, Dr. Takeisha C. Davis, Honorable Lisa Ray Diggs, Kimberly Early, Bherita "Bambi" Hall, Michele Hayes, Honorable Nghana Lewis-Gauff, Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb, Catherine Phipps, Honorable Sharlayne Jackson-Prevost, Dr. Joan Cooper-Rainey, and Honorable Regina Bartholomew-Woods; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale is the first predominantly-African American female Mardi Gras Krewe in New Orleans history; the krewe has blossomed into a thriving social club with more than one thousand eight-hundred members from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale is not only a Mardi Gras krewe, but also a powerful movement and cultural force that celebrates black womanhood and service; each Mardi Gras season, the krewe transforms the traditional St. Charles Avenue parade route into a spectacular tapestry of red, black, and white; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale serves the city of New Orleans throughout the year, uplifting neighborhoods, mobilizing voters, and mentoring youth; the krewe also expands their reach by engaging in powerful partnerships with Essence Magazine and the Essence Music Festival, two iconic institutions that celebrate Black culture on a national stage; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale is a perfect representation of sisterhood, service, and strength, and its members are most deserving of the highest recognition for their continued contributions to the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale on its positive influence on women in New Orleans and across the United States and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that its members continue to prosper in all of their endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES