

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Greater New Orleans Chapter, Inc., for its outstanding leadership, advocacy, and contributions to the community and to honor its legacy of promoting gender equity, leadership development, and socioeconomic advancement for Black women and girls.

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Greater New Orleans Chapter, Inc. (NCBW-GNO), is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization founded in 1988 with a mission to advocate on behalf of Black women and girls, and to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, economic empowerment, education, strategic alliances, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW-GNO has served as a powerful force of community impact in the Greater New Orleans area, addressing disparities and advancing public policy through dynamic programs and partnerships that support underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, the chapter is comprised of accomplished leaders, professionals, and community advocates who tirelessly work to uplift others, create opportunities, and foster a culture of empowerment and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW-GNO has made notable contributions to the community through initiatives such as mentorship programs for youth, health and wellness campaigns, financial literacy workshops, educational support programs, and voter engagement drives; and

WHEREAS, the local chapter is part of a broader national movement - the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) - which began in 1970 in New York City when twenty-four visionary Black women, led by Edna Beach, formed the coalition to assess and act upon the opportunities and challenges faced by Black women and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW became a national organization on October 24, 1981, under the leadership of its first national president, Jewell Jackson McCabe, expanding its presence across the country to include thousands of members in sixty-three chapters representing twenty-four states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the national organization remains committed to advocating on behalf of more than 20 million Black women in the United States through leadership forums, strategic alliances, and actionable programs that address critical issues in health, education, and economic equity; and

WHEREAS, the unique strength of NCBW lies in its grassroots chapter structure and its dedicated membership, which includes physicians, lawyers, judges, educators, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, and other professionals whose expertise strengthens the organization's effectiveness in shaping public discourse and policy; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women continues to serve as a vital network, a leadership forum, and a voice for change, positioning to complement and collaborate with other historic and contemporary Black women's organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Greater New Orleans Chapter exemplifies the mission and values of the national organization, continuing to demonstrate excellence in service, integrity, and community advocacy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and recognize the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Greater New Orleans Chapter, Inc., for its extraordinary dedication to public service, its transformative leadership, and its unwavering commitment to gender equity and the advancement of Black women and girls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to President Lanissa Grogan Stewart of NCBW-GNO as an expression of the Louisiana Legislature's esteem and appreciation on the occasion of its recognition on May 28, 2025.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE