

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 226

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Baton Rouge and Greater New Orleans chapters of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women for advocating for the rights of black women and girls.

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW), is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization founded in 1981; the NCBW advocates on behalf of black women and girls, promoting sisterhood, striving for maximum community impact, and preparing our youth for a bright future; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW began in 1970 in New York City, with a group of twenty-four black women led by Edna Beach who began meeting to assess the impact that the racial division of the 1960s had on their community; these meetings led to the formation of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and after more than a decade of dedicated work, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women was launched on October 24, 1981, with representatives from fourteen states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, today, the NCBW has thousands of members throughout sixty-two chapters representing twenty-four states and the District of Columbia; the organization is mostly made up of college graduates, and its members include physicians, dentists, lawyers, judges, corporate executives, media personalities, educators, entrepreneurs, and other skilled professionals in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW exists to foster the principles of equal rights and opportunities, develop the potential of the membership for effective leadership and participation in civic affairs, take action on specific issues of national and international importance, and cooperate with other persons and organizations to achieve mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NCBW is to advocate on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW's health advocacy programs focus on family and childhood obesity, cancer/health disparities, and metabolic disease; the education advocacy programs encourage excellence in education and promote the pursuit of positive lifelong goals; the economic empowerment programs include comprehensive workshops and seminars that promote economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW is driven by a vision to see black women and girls live in a world where socioeconomic inequity does not exist; the organization's core values are gender equality, inclusion, respect, racial and social justice, integrity and accountability, economic empowerment, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the NCBW relies on the support of individuals, volunteers, foundations, and corporations to carry out its mission of advocating on behalf of black women and girls; for over forty years, the organization has practiced transparency and fiscal responsibility, building trust in the communities its members belong to and serve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Baton Rouge and Greater New Orleans chapters of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women for advocating for the rights of black women and girls and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the organization and its members continue to prosper in their endeavors to empower their respective communities.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES