

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Mable Harris Thomas on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mable Harris Thomas on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

3 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Mable Harris Thomas and to commend
4 her as she approaches the incredible milestone of one hundred years of life; and

5 WHEREAS, Mable was born on May 14, 1926, in Napoleonville, Louisiana, the
6 youngest of four children born to Andrew and Florestine Harris; and

7 WHEREAS, Mable was baptized by her uncle, Reverend Freddie Southall, at Beulah
8 Baptist Church in Bertrandville, Louisiana; she has been a member of First Zion Baptist
9 Church, Phillip's Memorial United Methodist Church, Napoleon Ave United Methodist
10 Church, and Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, and her service is known
11 throughout the United Methodist community; and

12 WHEREAS, Mable has a passion for education, which she discovered at an early
13 age, and she walked nearly four miles to attend a one-room school in Napoleonville; she
14 graduated from Lowery Training School in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, and went on to attend
15 Grambling College; and

16 WHEREAS, while at Grambling, Mable met her husband, Joseph "Brushback"
17 Thomas, who was a standout member of legendary Coach Eddie Robinson's Grambling
18 football team; she later transferred to Leland College in Baker, Louisiana, and earned a
19 bachelor's degree in education; and

20 WHEREAS, Mable enjoyed a thirty-one year career as an educator in Assumption
21 and Jefferson Parishes; she consistently pursued excellence in her field and obtained a

1 certification to teach special education from Dominican College; after retiring, she served
2 as a minute clerk in New Orleans Traffic Court under Judge Louis Trent; and

3 WHEREAS, after dedicating many years of service as a minute clerk, Mable
4 embarked on a life of travel and volunteer work with numerous charitable organizations; she
5 became the first lieutenant for the neighborhood watch program in Hollygrove, where she
6 has resided since 1956; she is a familiar face at meetings of the 2nd District Police Station
7 and a friend of each councilman who represented her in District "A"; and

8 WHEREAS, Mable has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta for forty-five-years,
9 and she is a devoted supporter of the New Orleans Saints and Pelicans; and

10 WHEREAS, Mable is the mother of Cardell A. Thomas; grandmother of Jeandele
11 Frank, Austin Thomas, and Jordan Thomas; great-grandmother of Charlie J. Thomas; and
12 godmother of Arnell Chatman, Spergeon Holly, and Corey Peterson; she also has numerous
13 nieces, nephews, and cousins who cherish her; and

14 WHEREAS, Mable Harris Thomas has lived a life defined by unwavering hospitality
15 and love, and she is most deserving of the highest recognition as she approaches this
16 incredible milestone.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Mable Harris Thomas as she approaches her
19 one hundredth birthday and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she remain prosperous
20 as she joins the exclusive club of Louisiana centenarians.

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