

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as My Sister's Keeper Day at the state capitol and to commend the Black Women's Health Imperative and the Southern University and A&M College Chapter of My Sister's Keeper for its contributions to uplift, educate, and empower Black women and girls throughout Louisiana and beyond.

WHEREAS, the Black Women's Health Imperative, founded by Byllye Y. Avery in 1983 at Spelman College in Atlanta, is the first nonprofit organization created by Black women to protect and advance the health and wellness of Black women and girls; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, the Black Women's Health Imperative has worked to ensure that Black women have access to equitable healthcare, education, and resources necessary to live healthier and more empowered lives; and

WHEREAS, My Sister's Keeper, a signature program of the Black Women's Health Imperative, empowers young Black women ages eighteen through thirty to become advocates, leaders, and change-makers within their communities, engaging participants through leadership development, storytelling, policy and advocacy training, and wellness strategies; and

WHEREAS, the My Sister's Keeper Chapter at Southern University and A&M College is a student-led organization dedicated to empowering, educating, and supporting women to move from average to excellence while promoting health awareness, advocacy, and leadership within the campus community; and

WHEREAS, through educational programming, community outreach, and advocacy initiatives, the chapter raises awareness about health concerns impacting Black women and girls, promotes a culture of wellness and empowerment, and encourages dialogue and action

on issues including sexual and reproductive health, mental and emotional wellness, menstrual equity, gender discrimination and violence, anti-racism and allyship, and tobacco and vaping prevention; and

WHEREAS, through their leadership, service, and advocacy, the members of the Southern University and A&M College Chapter of My Sister's Keeper advance the mission of the Black Women's Health Imperative to promote health justice and equity for Black women and girls and strengthen their campus community; it is most fitting to recognize and commend their outstanding efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as My Sister's Keeper Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend the Black Women's Health Imperative and the Southern University and A&M College Chapter of My Sister's Keeper for its exemplary commitment to advancing the health, wellness, and empowerment of Black women and girls in the state of Louisiana and across our nation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES