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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council on being advocates for reproductive, social, and racial justice.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council is a program of the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies; it consists of nine young advocates for sex education and reproductive health care; and

WHEREAS, these nine advocates have created lessons on consent and hypersexualization for other young people as well as learned advocacy, lobbying, and organizing skills; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council is devoted to improving access to sexual health information and supplies such as condoms and menstrual products for young people across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies received funding from the Packard Foundation to deepen and build upon past and existing efforts to create an environment favorable to comprehensive sexuality education and continue to expand the number of youth in Louisiana who have access to medically accurate, age and developmentally appropriate, gender-transformative, and trauma-responsive sexuality education and resources that promote reproductive justice; and

WHEREAS, members of the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council include Nevaeh Thompson of LaPlace, St. Charles Parish, Adriana Gilmore of St. Rose, St. Charles Parish, Jaelyn Stewart of Marrero, Jefferson Parish, Lola Reynard of New Orleans, Orleans Parish, and Maliyah Sylvan of New Orleans, Orleans Parish; the council's adult allies include Dr. Kenyatta Parker and Lucy Blumberg; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council and their allies are most deserving of recognition for their work as advocates for sex education and reproductive health care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council on being advocates for reproductive, social, and racial justice; does hereby further recognize these young individuals' incredible dedication to their beliefs; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the members of the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council continue their hard work as advocates, exercising their right to participate in the nation's democratic process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Youth for Health Justice Council.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES