

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., and its work with children in foster care.

WHEREAS, Geaux 4 Kids was first formed by K.C. Kilpatrick as an independent, grassroots effort; she was motivated to create Geaux 4 Kids after she became a foster parent in 2013; this experience made her aware of the stress brought about by trying to adequately prepare to house a foster child; and

WHEREAS, Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., was formalized in 2015 and was registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; the organization is an advocate for children in foster care and provides support for their well-being through various projects, programs, and collaborations; the organization's operations were funded solely by volunteers and donations for its first five years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., is "to ease the emergency transition of displaced children into protective custody of foster care;" its "Project Geaux Bags" helps foster children during the first twenty-four hours after they are removed from their homes; the bag contains essentials such as pajamas, underwear, toiletries, age-appropriate comfort items, a school backpack, a pillow, a blanket, water, snacks, and a note of encouragement; the bags are provided to regional offices of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, and social workers give them to children as they are relocated to a foster home; and

WHEREAS, Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., is a truly inspiring organization that is providing an extremely necessary yet often overlooked service to children who are uprooted. The organization and its founder, K.C. Kilpatrick, are most deserving of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., and its work with children in foster care; does hereby recognize its founder, K.C. Kilpatrick, for her inspiring

dedication to the improvement of the transition experience for foster children; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that Geaux 4 Kids, Inc., continues to receive the support it needs to further its mission to aid foster children and families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of Geaux 4 Kids, Inc.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES