Senate Resolution No. 195

BY: Senator PARKER

CELEBRATING Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day on November 14, 2025, in recognition of Ruby Bridges' historic contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and her enduring legacy in promoting equity, courage, and education for all

WHEREAS, On November 14, 1960, Ruby Bridges, at the age of six, became the first African American student to integrate an all-white elementary school in the South, bravely walking to William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana, amid hostile opposition and threats; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Bridges' act of courage, supported by her family and community, became a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement, symbolizing the determination to secure educational opportunities and equality for all children, regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Bridges' legacy reminds us of the profound importance of ensuring access to quality education and fostering environments where diversity, inclusion, and justice prevail; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day serves as an annual observance, encouraging students, educators, families, and communities to reflect on the values of perseverance, bravery, and the ongoing pursuit of racial equity and social justice; and

WHEREAS, This observance provides an opportunity to honor Ruby Bridges and to inspire future generations to stand against discrimination, promote kindness, and work toward a more equitable society; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day underscores the role of education in shaping the minds and hearts of young people, cultivating empathy, and empowering them to advocate for positive change in their schools and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day on November 14, 2025, in recognition of Ruby Bridges' historic contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and her enduring legacy in promoting equity, courage, and education for all, and to encourage schools, organizations, and individuals to participate in activities that honor Ruby Bridges' courage and commitment to civil rights and equality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ruby Bridges and organizations dedicated to educational equity and civil rights as a symbol of our collective appreciation and commitment to her enduring vision.