

**CITY RESOLUTION NO. CR-006-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE 2024  
COMMEMORATIVE OBSERVANCE OF 54 YEARS FOLLOWING THE FORCED  
SCHOOL INTEGRATION EFFORTS THAT DISPLACED STUDENTS OF PAUL  
BREAUX HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY AND PARISH OF LAFAYETTE AND,  
NOTABLY, THE TRIUMPH OF THE 1974 GRADUATES IMPACTED BY THIS  
DISPLACEMENT AS THEY CELEBRATE 50 YEARS SINCE HAVING  
SUCCESSFULLY EARNED THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, a rare opportunity has been afforded to recognize and celebrate events that transpired 54 years ago in the City and Parish of Lafayette, which came as a result of school integration developments of that era; and

**WHEREAS**, today, members of a number of Lafayette Parish high school graduating classes of the year of 1974 recall and reflect on the significance of the successful completion of their secondary education studies after being displaced from Paul Breaux High School during the 1970-1971 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, many students were compelled to attend other schools in the Lafayette area as a result of forced integration, which had the great potential for adverse outcomes; however, rather than harboring resentments, dwelling on the recollection of ill feelings and emotions connected to poor treatment, or focusing on losses incurred during that timeframe, members of the class of 1974 – along with other classes displaced during the 1970-1971 school year – elect to commemorate their collective triumph through adversity, while reflecting on the significance of Paul Breaux High School as a valuable institution and asset of the Lafayette Parish School System as the root of their educational origins; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City Council deems it necessary to preserve and honor the history and experiences of the students of the former Paul Breaux High School in the City of Lafayette, many of whom came from all parts of Lafayette Parish and found educational safe haven in that institution, especially during their 2024 commemoration of the forced integration developments, which threatened, but did not deter, their perseverance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

**SECTION 1:** All of the aforementioned “Whereas” clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

**SECTION 2:** The Lafayette City-Council hereby recognizes and supports the 2024 commemorative observance of the forced school integration efforts that displaced students of Paul

Breaux High School in the City and Parish of Lafayette, along with all celebratory activities associated therewith.

**SECTION 3:** All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the results are as follows:

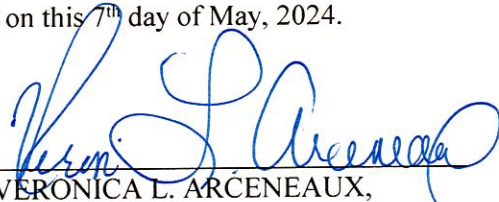
YEAS: Broussard, Naquin, Hebert, Hooks, Boudreaux

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
VERONICA L. ARCENEUX,  
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

**LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM**

1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette City Council recognizing the 2024 commemorative observance of 54 years following the forced school integration efforts that displaced students of Paul Breaux High School in the City and Parish of Lafayette and, notably, the triumph of the 1974 graduates impacted by this displacement as they celebrate 50 years since having successfully earned their high school diplomas.

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of preliminary resolution

3) **COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (CIP PROGRAM/PROJECTS ONLY):** N/A

4) **REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:**

A) INTRODUCTION: May 7, 2024

B) FINAL ADOPTION: May 7, 2024

5) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Resolution

B) Submittal

6) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Impact (Explain)

  X   No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:

/s/Kenneth Boudreaux  
KENNETH BOUDREAUX  
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5

