



RESOLUTION NO. 24-064
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RENAMING
OF THE ALGIERS FERRY TERMINAL**

WHEREAS, the Algiers Ferry Terminal serves as a vital transportation hub for the New Orleans community, enhancing connectivity and contributing to the vitality of the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rudy Lombard, a highly respected civil rights activist, made profound contributions to advancing social justice, equality, and the well-being of his community through his tireless advocacy and leadership. Dr. Lombard, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 75, remains a symbol of courage and dedication to racial justice; and

WHEREAS, renaming the ferry terminal in honor of Dr. Rudy Lombard would provide a lasting tribute to his legacy, inspire future generations, and acknowledge the transformative impact he had on the New Orleans community; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana to operate the ferry system. While RTA utilizes the property, it does not own it and therefore lacks the authority to rename it. However, RTA can support community-led efforts through the adoption of this resolution support for such an initiative; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Board of Directors recognizes the importance of aligning the terminal's name with the community's evolving identity and values while honoring distinguished individuals or reflecting the geographic and cultural significance of the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to rename the Algiers Ferry Terminal as the Dr. Rudy Lombard Ferry Terminal seeks to celebrate Dr. Lombard's extraordinary commitment to racial justice and equality in the Greater New Orleans area; and



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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority values the preservation and celebration of civil rights history and community activism through initiatives that recognize and commemorate influential leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority do hereby formally support renaming the Algiers Ferry Terminal to the Dr. Rudy Lombard Ferry Terminal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RTA will collaborate with our community stakeholders to ensure a smooth and meaningful transition, including appropriate signage, public communications, and educational initiatives about the significance of the new name.

THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL; THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Neal, Jr.", is written above a horizontal line.

FRED NEAL, Jr.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS