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Dear Board Members of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to propose the renaming of the Algiers Ferry and its Terminals to the Dr. Rudy Lombard Ferry and Dr Rudy Lombard Terminal in honor of Dr. Rudolph "Rudy" Lombard, a remarkable figure in our community and a pivotal leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

As you may be aware Congressman Carter began this journey three years ago when he became a member of Congress, as he explored naming the Algiers Post office in Dr. Rudy Lombard's honor. After consultation with the Lombard family preferred this Ferry landing as a more fitting honor.

Mass transit has played a significant role in advancing civil rights, and the Algiers Ferry is particularly essential for Algiers residents, especially within the Black community. As a State Representative, I have pre-filed a bill to rename the route between Algiers and Canal Street and its terminals after Dr. Lombard. This initiative is supported by and in collaboration of State Senator Gary Carter and our entire Algiers delegation.

Dr. Lombard was born in Algiers in 1939 and is celebrated for his unwavering commitment to civil rights, education, and community advocacy. His early experiences with racial discrimination inspired him to become an activist. Notably, as a student at Xavier University, he led a historic sit-in at the McCroy's Five & Dime store, protesting Jim Crow laws alongside the influential "CORE Four" and members of SNCC. Their actions not only challenged segregation but also played a crucial role in shaping legal precedents that advanced civil rights.

Renaming the Algiers Ferry Terminal in Dr. Lombard's honor would serve as a fitting tribute to his legacy and the ongoing struggle for equality. I envision clear signage at each terminal to commemorate this change, ensuring that both residents and visitors recognize the significance of this route and the impact of Dr. Lombard's work.

Thank you for considering this important request to honor Dr. Lombard's legacy. I look forward to collaborating with you to make this recognition a reality.

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