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Parents Show Real Courage

The entire community is understandably proud, of the courage and determination, shown by the parents of the four little girls who attended the first integrated public school classes in modern day history of this state. In this fight for first-class citizenship, they certainly are stalwart, front-line soldiers. Braving the taunts, jeers, cat-calls and insults of the "mob" day after day indicates the deep sincere desire to see democracy work the way it should in this part of the United States.

These parents cannot be praised and commended too much because what they are doing takes a deep abiding faith in the goodness of man and the integrity of Democratic principles. There are, no doubt, quite a few parents who would think twice before going through the same ordeal, to bring the democracy, we preach to the world about, to the public schools of New Orleans.

At the same time, Khrushchev is smirking at our democratic way of life and boasting that someday Russia will over take the U.S. in every phase of activity, we find four little girls and their parents under the most trying circumstances attempting to make democracy more meaningful to all American citizens. Despite the insults, epithets and slurs hurled at them, the parents of the four little girls are showing themselves to be the steadfast, sincere and loyal American citizens that the whole United States can be proud of. Certainly they are not disgracing themselves by riotous and disrespectful conduct that reflects discredit upon the lofty and noble ideals which make this country the greatest in the world.

Yes, the whole community is proud of the parents of the four little girls because it inspires others of us to be braver and stronger in our determined efforts to achieve first-class citizenship in this the greatest of all democracies.

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