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5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 CONGRATULATING EVELYN SIMS-COLEY UPON HER RETIREMENT
9 FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 RETIREMENT FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN
15 NORTH LITTLE ROCK.

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17 WHEREAS, on May 31, 2024, Evelyn Sims-Coley retired from First Baptist
18 Church in North Little Rock, after serving eighteen (18) years as the church
19 secretary and handling many other church needs over the last fifty (50)
20 years; and

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22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley took over her role as church secretary from
23 her dear friend, Kathy Baker; and

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25 WHEREAS, prior to her work at First Baptist Church in North Little
26 Rock, Mrs. Sims-Coley worked at USable Life as an eligibility specialist for
27 fifteen (15) years and part-time at Baptist Health Medical Center as a
28 patient representative in the emergency room for seven (7) years; and

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30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley is married to Thomas Coley, having recently
31 celebrated twelve (12) years of marriage, and has two (2) children, Melvin
32 (Christa) of Wylie, Texas, and Mercedes Sims of Little Rock; and

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34 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley also has two (2) grandchildren, Destiny and
35 Amarri; and



1 WHEREAS, upon her retirement, Mrs. Sims-Coley intends to remain active
2 in the church by cooking, cleaning, and assisting wherever she is needed; and

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4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley also intends to travel with her best friends,
5 Sharon Porter, Regina Carr, and Kathy Brock, all classmates from the Little
6 Rock Central High School class of 1978; and

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8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley intends to spend time working in her yard with
9 her husband, attending Bible study fellowship, and catering part-time; and

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11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley and her husband plan to celebrate her
12 retirement by enjoying a week-long vacation in Kentucky, visiting the Ark
13 Encounter and the Creation Museum, and by assisting with the First Baptist
14 Church Couples in Christ Marriage Ministry; and

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16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley stated "My favorite scripture, and I am
17 trusting and believing God to bring this to life, is Job 8:7. 'And though
18 your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.' I believe
19 the Word. I stand on it. God said it; it will come to pass",

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21 NOW THEREFORE,
22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
23 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 THAT the Senate:

26 (1) Commend Evelyn Sims-Coley on her fifty (50) years of service
27 to First Baptist Church in North Little Rock;

28 (2) Thank her for her contributions to her community; and

29 (3) Wish her all the best in her retirement.
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon adoption, the Secretary of the Senate shall
32 provide a copy of this resolution to Evelyn Sims-Coley.
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