

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Pastor Ernest Edward Jones, Sr., for more than fifty-five years of preaching and pastoring at Galilee Baptist Church of Shreveport

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Reverend Ernest Edward "E.E." Jones, Sr., for more than fifty-five years of
3 faithful and dedicated service as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport.

4 WHEREAS, in 1958, Rev. E.E. Jones answered the call of God to shepherd His flock
5 at Galilee Baptist Church at 854 Williamson Street in Shreveport; under his leadership, the
6 flock has since outgrown the former property and is now housed in a magnificent edifice at
7 1500 Pierre Avenue; and

8 WHEREAS, Rev. Jones is infused with a caliber of care for the disenfranchised that
9 parallels that of Jesus Christ, who healed and restored the downtrodden: Rev. Jones led the
10 charge in Shreveport for civil rights equality in the education of children by filing suit to
11 desegregate Caddo Parish public schools in 1965; and

12 WHEREAS, the social justice steps of Rev. Jones led him to positions of authority
13 in local, state, and national Baptist associations and conventions; in the National Baptist
14 Convention of America, Inc., he held the offices of social justice commission chairman and
15 vice president, and in 1985, he was elected president and served until 2003; and

16 WHEREAS, during his leadership of the National Baptist Convention of America,
17 Inc., Rev. Jones remained steadfast in his pastoral care of the inner-city, faith-based
18 community of Galilee Baptist Church, a community that now occupies more than forty acres
19 and whose members lovingly call the property "the City of Galilee, a city within a city"; and

1 WHEREAS, Rev. Jones has received numerous honorary doctoral degrees and
2 awards, including the National Award for Outstanding Service from Alpha Phi Alpha
3 Fraternity, Inc.; he was inducted into the Grambling State University Hall of Fame in 1986
4 and into the Northwest Louisiana Hall of Fame in 1992; and

5 WHEREAS, Rev. Jones exhibits the vitality and wisdom of the Biblical prophet
6 Moses, who was eighty years old when he led the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt;
7 at the age of eighty-two, Rev. Jones continues to carry out the vision God gave him to
8 promote positive change for minorities in his community.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana
10 do hereby commend Rev. Ernest Edward Jones, Sr., upon the milestone of his fifty-fifth year
11 as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport; do hereby salute the fervent, dutiful work
12 of Rev. Jones in the arenas of civil rights, social reform, and education; do hereby offer their
13 most sincere congratulations to Rev. Jones on the significant contributions he has made in
14 changing the landscape of Louisiana for the better; and do hereby extend best wishes and
15 prayers that God will bless Rev. E.E. Jones to continue his pastoral care of Galilee Baptist
16 Church and the Shreveport community for many years to come.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to Rev. Ernest Edward Jones, Sr.

DIGEST

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