

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Reverend Elmore Garner and First Lady Renae' Ussin Garner for thirty-two years of dedicated service to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, Reverend Elmore Garner was born August 8, 1957 in Independence, Louisiana to Reverend Herbert Garner and Barbara Ann Sterling Garner; he has two siblings, Judy Marie Garner McCray and Deborah Faye Garner Huey; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garner is a graduate of Hammond High School, and he completed certification as an industrial welder and fabricator at Hammond Vocational Technical Institute; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garner accepted the call to ministry in March 1981; he began at Saint James Baptist Church in Tickfaw, Louisiana, and he also pastored Sweet Home Baptist Church in Albany, Louisiana; over the course of his career, his ministry has taken him to Alabama, California, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garner was united in holy matrimony to Renae' Ussin on July 22, 1978, and they are the loving parents of Elmarko, Tanya, and Terrell; they also have nine grandchildren: Elijah, Kamille, Elmarko Jr., Micah, Matthew, Maya, Mathis, Avion, and Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garner was called to shepherd the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in January 1992; in 1995, he led a tour of believers from this church and surrounding area to Jerusalem, and he preached and baptized believers in the Jordan River; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garner attended Union Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans; he also completed a Master of Theology degree in April 2001, and he received a doctorate degree from the Christian Bible College of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garner is actively involved with the Baptist Ministers' Union of Lake Charles and Vicinity and the Baptist Youth Week Observance; he also served as the coordinator of the Baptist Ministers' Union City-Wide Revival for ten years; additionally, he has served on the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist Convention and on the board of directors of the Baptist Ministers' Union American College Extension; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Elmore Garner and his wife, First Lady Renae' Ussin Garner, are most deserving of the highest recognition for their incredible dedication to the ministry and their faith community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Reverend Elmore Garner and First Lady Renae' Ussin Garner for thirty-two years of dedicated service to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that they continue to prosper in all of their endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES