

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., of Rayville.

WHEREAS, the Lord God spirited away the soul of the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the age of eighty-seven, well beyond the three score and ten years promised in Psalm 90:10 to believers by the grace of God; and

WHEREAS, early in his adult life, Willie Minor, Jr., answered the call of duty to his country through service in the Army; and

WHEREAS, the realm of education was dear to Mr. Minor: upon receiving a bachelor's degree from Grambling State University in science and a master's degree in education from Murray State University in Kentucky, he returned to Richland Parish where he was a teacher, administrator, and assistant principal and retired after twenty-five years of service; and

WHEREAS, heeding the call of God upon his life, the Reverend Minor entered United Theological Seminary in Monroe in 1975, and while there, he was called to pastor St. Paul Baptist Church and shepherded that flock for more than thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, the New Morning Star Baptist Church congregation in Bastrop was led to call the Reverend Minor, where he served as pastor for twenty-eight years, laboring in dual vineyards, spreading the Word of God and bringing lost souls to Christ; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Minor maintained membership at Pleasant Grove #1 Baptist Church in Rayville while pastoring both St. Paul and New Morning Star; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Orleana Simmons Minor; his daughters, Amanda, Shelia, and Wilma; his grandchildren; and the members of the congregations he pastored so faithfully over the years; and

WHEREAS, the children of God do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for according to 1 Thessalonians 4:16, in that great getting-up morning the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., will be among the dead in Christ who shall rise first upon the return of Jesus Christ and be reunited with those who received the Gospel and believed because of his ministry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincerest sympathies upon the death of the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr.; does hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and congregations the Reverend Willie Minor, Jr., has left behind; and does hereby share in prayers and the comfort of God's Word in this time of bereavement, and in the hopes of reunion in the Lord.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Orleana Simmons Minor.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES