

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery upon his retirement after thirty years of dedicated leadership as pastor of First Baptist Church in Bossier City and to recognize Sunday, June 2, 2013, as Dr. Fred Lowery Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Fred and Esther Lowery were pleased to welcome their newborn, Fred Lynn, to the family and to the world on March 16, 1943, in Montevallo, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Lord was begun early in Fred Lynn Lowery's life when, at the age of seventeen, he was called to pastor Bethel Baptist Church in Aiken, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Dr. Lowery graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and was a teaching fellow in Evangelism there for two years; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1974, Dr. Lowery married Lisabeth Leigh Jones, and two daughters and six grandchildren have resulted from this blessed union; and

WHEREAS, God led Dr. Lowery to First Baptist Church in Bossier in 1983, and he has effectively responded to his calling by providing unwavering, dedicated spiritual leadership to the First Baptist membership of more than seven thousand Christians; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lowery has baptized and married multiple thousands, imparted the Word of God in more than five hundred churches, Bible conferences, revivals, and marriage conferences, served in presidential office in the Louisiana State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference, and as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, "The First Word", a television ministry featuring Dr. Lowery, has been a top-rated Sunday program in the Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas tri-state area, is broadcast on DirectTV and SkyAngel, and is seen in more than fifteen million homes each week; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his commanding and persuasive talents in speaking, God has gifted Dr. Lowery in writing: he is the author of "Making the Bible Clear", "Starting Here—Starting Now", "Home Improvement 101", "Covenant Marriage: Staying Together For Life", and "Jogging Through the Bible"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the soul-filling spiritual fruit that has grown through the more than fifty years of ministry of Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery in all the places God has planted him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery for thirty years as senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Bossier City upon the occasion of his retirement, does hereby recognize and record for posterity the positive influence he has exerted over the First Baptist flock, and does hereby extend to him best wishes and God's blessings as he begins the next phase of his life in Christ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sunday, June 2, 2013, shall be recognized as Dr. Fred Lowery Day in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES