

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Johnnie R. Offord and the congregation of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Opelousas upon the occasion of the eighty-sixth anniversary of the church.

WHEREAS, the history of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Opelousas is one hundred eighty-five years long; in 1834, New Hope Baptist Church was established in Leonville, Louisiana, where the congregation worshiped for ninety-nine years; in 1933, the church body moved to 509 Garland Avenue in Opelousas and expanded the name to Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Opelousas; and

WHEREAS, for more than eight decades, Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church has served the community of Opelousas and led the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Johnnie R. Offord was called as the spiritual shepherd of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on March 7, 2010, and he has faithfully fed the flock with the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Pastor Offord, and with the assistance of the church secretary, Linde E. Hills, and the willing hands of the members, the church received an updated look when it was bricked in 2018; and

WHEREAS, upon the eighty-sixth anniversary celebration of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Opelousas, it is fitting to recognize the positive impact the church has had on its membership and community, its outreach to the unsaved, and the expansion of God's Kingdom through nearly two centuries of service in two locations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate and commend the membership of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Opelousas upon the celebration of its eighty-sixth

anniversary in the city of Opelousas and does hereby express best thoughts and prayers for the fellowship to remain faithful in the work of the Lord.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor Johnnie R. Offord.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES