

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Neil C. Ellis, bishop of Mount Tabor Church, for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his faithful service to the church and its members.

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis matriculated at The College of The Bahamas in Nassau, Bahamas, and holds an honorary doctorate of divinity degree from both St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida, and Virginia Theological Seminary and College in Alexandria, Virginia; he is also the recipient of an honorary doctor of humane letters from Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore, Maryland; he earned his doctorate in covenant leadership from New Covenant University in St. Augustine, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis is a much sought-after preacher and to date has preached throughout the Bahamas, in various Caribbean countries, in North America, Germany, Africa, and Israel; he is the author of twelve practical books; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis is married to the former Patrice Michelle Johnson and they along with their children reside in Nassau, Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis and his wife Patrice organized Mount Tabor Union Baptist Church in February of 1987; now known as Mount Tabor Church, it is one of the fastest growing churches in The Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis has been involved in the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International since its inception; on May 3, 1995, he was consecrated as bishop of foreign ministries by the fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis's diligence and commitment to the fellowship has resulted in his serving in numerous capacities; he has served as the first regional bishop for the Bahamas, the first bishop of foreign ministry, the first chairman of the College of Bishops; as first assistant to the international presiding bishop and third international presiding bishop; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis has emerged as a pastor to thousands online via Mount Tabor Anytime and through gospel messages aired on television and the radio; the life changing messages delivered by Bishop Ellis are regularly quoted throughout the country and in the country's House of Parliament; and

WHEREAS, he is the recipient of the 2010 Trumpet Award for Spiritual Enlightenment and he is the youngest living inductee in the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame located in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, his song, "Don't Do It Without Me" was nominated for a prestigious Dove Award in the gospel music industry; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Neil C. Ellis merits a sincere measure of commendation for his faithful and committed service to God and the members of Mount Tabor Church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bishop Neil C. Ellis for his many accomplishments and honors; does hereby recognize the spiritual leadership, inspiration, and guidance that he provides to his church and community; does hereby extend to him the sincere thanks of the House of Representatives for his faithful service to Mount Tabor Church and its members; and does hereby wish him full measures of success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bishop Neil C. Ellis.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES