

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Tuesday, June 9, 2015, as Zion Hill Church Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Tuesday, June 9, 2015, as Zion Hill Church Day at the state capitol and to
3 commend its church leaders and members for their unity and devotion to God.

4 WHEREAS, the Zion Hill Church in Pineville, Louisiana, was founded more than
5 ninety years ago in the home of Reverend and Mrs. E. Z. Hall; and

6 WHEREAS, Zion Hill's vision is for its belief to line up with the Word of God and
7 direct people to the Word of God; to worship, evangelize, disciple, fellowship, and minister;
8 and for its members to be in constant worship and praise to God; and

9 WHEREAS, Joshua Joy Dara, Sr., was born in Nigeria, West Africa and became a
10 United States citizen in 1998; and

11 WHEREAS, as a man who values education, Joshua Dara, Sr., earned an associate
12 degree from Kwara State College of Technology in Nigeria; a bachelor's degree from
13 California Baptist University in Riverside, California; a juris doctor degree from Southern
14 University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and a masters of law degree from the
15 University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Arkansas; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1980, Joshua Dara, Sr., answered the call on his life and entered the
17 ministry by serving under a number of pastors and ministry leaders across Africa and the
18 United States; and

19 WHEREAS, as a committed man of God who is gifted with many talents, Joshua
20 Dara, Sr., has served as a pianist, organist, music director, minister of music, associate
21 pastor, and armor bearer; and

1 WHEREAS, after ten years of ministry work on two continents, Dr. Dara was
2 ordained as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ in 1990; and

3 WHEREAS, six years later, Dr. Dara became the pastor of Zion Hill Church and has
4 taken the church to greater heights; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Dara and his wife, Elizabeth, along with their five children, have
6 been in proud and passionate service to Zion Hill for almost twenty years; and

7 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Dara, Zion Hill has grown from a humble
8 church of seventy-five members to a thriving congregation of more than three thousand five
9 hundred; and

10 WHEREAS, Zion Hill has several television broadcasts, a multimillion dollar
11 sanctuary, a state-of-the-art Family Life Center, and plans for a school, business center, and
12 new sanctuary; and

13 WHEREAS, with God's guidance and Dr. Dara's faithful obedience, Zion Hill offers
14 more than fifty ministries that touch every aspect of life including the governmental affairs
15 educational outreach program that educates young church members about government and
16 is led by former state representative, Herbert B. Dixon, Sr.; and

17 WHEREAS, the members of this wonderful church, with its leaders, merit a special
18 measure of recognition for the tremendous pride, honor, and spiritual growth they bring to
19 the Pineville community and to the state of Louisiana.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, June 9, 2015, as Zion Hill Church
22 Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend and welcome its church members to the
23 legislature.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
25 of Louisiana does hereby recognize the nineteen years of spiritual leadership, inspiration,
26 and guidance that Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Joy Dara, Sr., have provided to their church and
27 community.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
29 of Louisiana does hereby wish Dr. Dara and the Zion Hill Church family full measures of
30 success and happiness in the years to come.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to Dr. Joshua Joy Dara, Sr., pastor of Zion Hill Church.

DIGEST

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