

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Wednesday, May 25, 2016, as Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church Day in the Louisiana House of Representatives

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 25, 2016, as Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church Day in the  
3 Louisiana House of Representatives.

4 WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church was founded by  
5 Richard Allen in 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a connectional church; and

6 WHEREAS, the word "African" means that the church was organized by people of  
7 African descent and heritage; it does not mean that the church was founded in Africa or that  
8 it was for persons of African descent only; and

9 WHEREAS, the roots of A.M.E. churches are of the family of Methodist churches;  
10 Methodism provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on a  
11 plain and simple gospel; and

12 WHEREAS, "Episcopal" refers to the form of government under which the church  
13 operates; the chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal  
14 denomination are the Bishops of the church; and

15 WHEREAS, the A.M.E. Church has more than one million members scattered across  
16 the United States, Canada, South America, West Africa, South Africa, and the West Indies;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church of Napoleonville, Louisiana, was  
19 organized in 1869, and was named after the Reverend J.J. Nelson; and

1           WHEREAS, Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church is located within the boundaries of the  
2 Eighth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church and within the Alexandria-Thibodaux  
3 Presiding Elder District.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 25, 2016, as Nelson Chapel  
6 A.M.E. Church Day in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
8 to the Right Reverend Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr., presiding bishop of the Eighth  
9 Episcopal District, and Reverend Gwendolyn E. Snearl, presiding elder of the Alexandria-  
10 Thibodaux District.

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