2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 25, 2016, as Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church Day in the

Louisiana House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church was founded by

Richard Allen in 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a connectional church; and

WHEREAS, the word "African" means that the church was organized by people of

African descent and heritage; it does not mean that the church was founded in Africa or that

it was for persons of African descent only; and

WHEREAS, the roots of A.M.E. churches are of the family of Methodist churches;

Methodism provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on a

plain and simple gospel; and

WHEREAS, "Episcopal" refers to the form of government under which the church

operates; the chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal

denomination are the Bishops of the church; and

WHEREAS, the A.M.E. Church has more than one million members scattered across

the United States, Canada, South America, West Africa, South Africa, and the West Indies;

and

WHEREAS, the Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church of Napoleonville, Louisiana, was

organized in 1869, and was named after the Reverend J.J. Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church is located within the boundaries of the

Eighth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church and within the Alexandria-Thibodaux

Presiding Elder District.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES