

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 305

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS AND FOIL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends St. James Episcopal Church on one hundred seventy-five years of worship in Baton Rouge

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend St. James Episcopal Church on one hundred seventy-five years of worship in
3 Baton Rouge.

4 WHEREAS, two years after the 1819 incorporation of the city of Baton Rouge, a
5 group of faith-filled residents established an Episcopal church where they could worship
6 together; on March 16, 1820, the church was incorporated; its members met in various
7 places, including what is currently the state capitol grounds; Margaret "Peggy" Smith Taylor
8 was a founding member who sought permission from her husband, Garrison Commander
9 Colonel Zachary Taylor, for space to worship at what is now known as the Pentagon
10 Barracks; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 25, 1844, Act No. 97 of the Legislature of Louisiana granted
12 St. James Episcopal Church a charter to operate under the laws of the state, in communion
13 with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and subject to the
14 Ecclesiastical government and decisions of the Bishops and Convention of the Diocese of
15 Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of St. James Episcopal Church purchased property at the
17 corner of Convention Street and 4th Street, formerly known as Church Street, where they
18 built a church that was consecrated by Bishop Leonidas Polk; they have worshiped at the 4th
19 Street location for one hundred seventy-five years; and

20 WHEREAS, the men and women members who contribute to what is St. James
21 Episcopal Church today can look to the trials and triumphs of the past to chart its future; and

1 WHEREAS, a church that has sustained itself through fires and yellow fever
2 epidemics, the Civil War and Reconstruction, national economic depression, segregation,
3 and the slow and steady evolution of the world, St. James Episcopal Church has remained
4 through all a welcoming congregation; and

5 WHEREAS, St. James Episcopal Church is more than a community of the faithful;
6 it is a community of faith, and it is appropriate to recognize its one hundred seventy-five
7 years of worship in Baton Rouge.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend, upon the anniversary of one hundred
10 seventy-five years of worship in Baton Rouge, the membership of St. James Episcopal
11 Church and does hereby extend best hopes and prayers that they will continue steadfast in
12 the faith for the years to come.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 rector of St. James Episcopal Church.

DIGEST

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Commends St. James Episcopal Church on 175 years of worship in Baton Rouge.