Regular Session, 2012

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41** 

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

## A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Vance A. Price of the New Saint James Baptist Church in Monroe.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 14, 2012, the faith community of the New Saint James Baptist Church in Monroe is celebrating the ministry of Pastor Vance A. Price; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vance A. Price was born to Huey P. Nash and Johnnie Faye Price on April 13, 1972, as the paternal grandson of Reverend and Mrs. Charlie H. Nash and the maternal grandson of the late Reverend John A. and Addie Price; and

WHEREAS, at the age of nine, Vance Price accepted Christ as his Lord and savior, and from a young age, he worked actively in the youth ministry at the New Light Baptist Church as a junior deacon, choir member, and member of the drama ministry, among other activities; and

WHEREAS, following his training in the United States Marine Corps, Pastor Price returned to Monroe and announced his calling into the Gospel-preaching ministry on the fourth Sunday in December of 1990, and he preached his first sermon on January 23, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Price's first pastorate was at the Saint Paul Baptist Church in Luna at the age of twenty, making him the youngest pastor in the state at the time; he also served as pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Quitman for five years and the Macedonia Baptist Church in Choudrant for ten years; and

WHEREAS, presently, Pastor Price serves with great distinction and unwavering commitment as the associate pastor of the New Saint James Baptist Church in Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Price has changed many lives with his unique gifts and talents and his steadfast encouragement of his fellow citizens; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Price graduated from the United Theological Seminary, attended Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University, and is affiliated with several organizations in the effort to minister holistically through church, community, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Price is the proud father of three sons, Zion John, Aiden Jordan, and Zavier Keon; and

WHEREAS, the New Saint James Baptist Church community thrives as a unified community of faith and fellowship, and Pastor Price merits a special measure of commendation for his exceptional leadership as his ministry is celebrated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the contributions of Pastor Vance A. Price of the New Saint James Baptist Church in Monroe, does hereby commend and honor him for many years of dedication to the ministry, and does hereby extend to him and the congregation best wishes for richest blessings in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor Vance A. Price.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES