

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Bishop Richard V. Allmon, Sr., of Baton Rouge

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Bishop Richard V. Allmon,  
3 Sr., of Baton Rouge.

4 WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the  
5 Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Bishop Richard V. Allmon,  
6 Sr., on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at the age of fifty-seven; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Bishop Richard V. Allmon, Sr., began  
8 his spiritual journey and ministry in the city of Shreveport before moving to Baton Rouge  
9 and becoming a widely respected and admired pastor and community leader; and

10 WHEREAS, on August 21, 1954, Bishop Allmon was born to Veodis J. and Erma  
11 Allmon, and upon graduating from high school near the top of his class, he received a full  
12 scholarship to the United States Air Force Academy, proudly serving his country for nearly  
13 five years and achieving the rank of sergeant; and

14 WHEREAS, on October 2, 1972, Bishop Allmon married his best friend and  
15 childhood sweetheart, First Lady Lois S. Allmon, and they were baptized together on  
16 August 18, 1974; to their union were born twelve children; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1977, Bishop Allmon received his calling to the ministry, and he  
18 earned his certificate of ordination from the United Pentecostal Church International, an  
19 associate of theology degree from Christian Life College, a bachelor of arts in Biblical  
20 studies, and a master of divinity with a specialization in Biblical languages from New  
21 Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and

1           WHEREAS, with his wife, Bishop Allmon served with great distinction and  
2 dedication as the senior pastor of Full Gospel United Pentecostal Church in Baton Rouge  
3 from 1983 until his passing, and they also served together as senior pastors of Tabernacle  
4 of Truth United Pentecostal Church in Gray; and

5           WHEREAS, over the past three decades, Bishop Allmon led his family in the  
6 development of churches throughout Louisiana and Mississippi and in establishing the S.E.  
7 Mackey Community and Fitness Center and numerous community outreach facilities,  
8 educational programs, and ministry alliances; and

9           WHEREAS, Bishop Allmon made his family and his ministry his top priorities, and  
10 his passion for education led to the establishment of Full Gospel Christian Academy; and

11           WHEREAS, in addition to his significant local service, Bishop Allmon made his  
12 mark throughout the state and beyond, serving as Presbyter at Large over the Louisiana  
13 District of the United Pentecostal Church International and as a member of the executive  
14 advisory board of the Apostolic Archives International and the nominating committee for  
15 the Apostolic Ministerial Hall of Fame; and

16           WHEREAS, Bishop Allmon was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents,  
17 Isaac Allmon, Sr., and Virginia Wright; his maternal grandfather, Willie Brown; his  
18 maternal grandmother, Jessie "Ma Jessie" Momphrey Mitchell; one brother, Greg "Ross"  
19 Stewart; his mother and father-in-law, Mable Straw Houston and Major Straw, Sr.; and his  
20 brother-in-law Major Straw, Jr.; and

21           WHEREAS, left to cherish Bishop Allmon's memory are his wife of thirty-nine  
22 years, Lois Straw Allmon; seven sons, Richard, Jr. (Demi), Raymond (Rhonda), Reginald,  
23 Robert (Shawanda), Reuben, Ryan (Brittany), and Ramahd; five daughters, Renarda Parker,  
24 Ravonne (Michael) Allmon-Smith, Rachel, Rebecca Allmon-Boatner, and Lois; two  
25 brothers, Laurence (Carolyn) and Gregory, Sr. (Belva); five sisters, Cynthia (James) Woods,  
26 Charlotte and Terry Allmon, Carol (Eddie) Watson, and Tracy (Anthony) Jemerson; two  
27 sisters-in-law, Emma Jean Jones and Mabeline (Louie) Lewis; one brother-in-law, Larry  
28 (Linda) Straw; ten grandchildren, Romeo Parker, Kristopher and Kaleb Allmon, Logan  
29 Smith, David Allmon-Haynes, Khobe Allmon, Liyah and Leric Boatner, and Samara and  
30 Ryan Allmon, Jr.; four aunts, Viola (Richard) Gentry, Katherine Wright-Knight, Paulette

1 Chatman, and Shelia Brown; an uncle, Jesse (Beverly) Wright; one godson, Anthony  
2 (Angela) Rogers, Sr.; one goddaughter, Lauren Tillery; and numerous nieces, great-nieces,  
3 nephews, great-nephews, cousins, church family members, and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Allmon was the kind of citizen who represents what is good  
5 about Louisiana, a man of wisdom and faith who used his gifts and talents to change his  
6 community for the better; and

7 WHEREAS, Bishop Allmon's fellow citizens mourn the loss of this beloved  
8 individual and share the grief of his family, friends, and congregations at his passing; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Allmon will forever bring great pride and honor to the Baton  
10 Rouge community and to the state of Louisiana.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the  
13 death of Bishop Richard V. Allmon, Sr., does hereby extend enduring appreciation for his  
14 outstanding accomplishments and singular contributions during a lifetime of dedication and  
15 service to God and his family, friends, churches, and community, and does hereby recognize  
16 that his legacy of kindness and compassion shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all  
17 who knew and loved him.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to Sister Lois Allmon.

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#### DIGEST

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