

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154

BY SENATOR BROWN

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (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; and does not mean that the church was founded in Africa or that it was for persons of African descent only; 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, Assumption Parish, was organized in 1869 and named after its founder, the late 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 25, 2016, as Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church Day in the Louisiana Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented 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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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE