

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATORS MOUNT AND ADLEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend and extend enduring gratitude to the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for their leadership across our state and their assistance in the recovery from the challenges this state has faced as a result of recent natural disasters and proclaims June 8, 2011, as "Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church" and "United Methodist Committee on Relief" day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has worked over the last six years in response to the catastrophic disasters that resulted from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike; and

WHEREAS, these programs were able to financially support the Louisiana Annual Conference in its response through the Disaster Ministries in twenty-three parishes across the southern region of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has been able to partner with non-government agencies and with the state of Louisiana through its state disaster programs, including the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Louisiana Family Recovery Corp; and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has provided thirty-eight million dollars to aid in the response of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has welcomed one hundred eleven thousand nine hundred sixty-nine volunteers from every state in the union and thirty-five foreign countries that have provided five million seven hundred thousand volunteer hours, which calculates to an equivalent of one hundred three million dollars of in-kind donations; and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has been able to serve one hundred twelve thousand households within our state to repair and rebuild their homes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and extend enduring gratitude to both the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for their leadership across our state and their assistance in the recovery from the challenges this state has faced as a result of recent natural disasters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 8, 2011, is hereby declared to be "Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church" and "United Methodist Committee on Relief" day in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the resident bishop of the state of Louisiana, Bishop William W. Hutchinson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE