HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCKER

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. David E. Crosby upon the celebration of his fifteenth anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate Dr. David E. Crosby for his remarkable term of devotion to God and his congregation and to extend to him sincere and heartfelt appreciation; and

WHEREAS, for the past fifteen years, First Baptist Church of New Orleans has been guided with outstanding commitment and dedicated leadership by Dr. David E. Crosby, who has paved the way for the leaders and members of the church to be graced with the blessings they enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crosby graduated magna cum laude from Baylor University in 1975 and earned a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1981 and a doctor of philosophy degree from Baylor University's School of Religion in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his highly productive and effective service as pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans and throughout the greater New Orleans area, Dr. Crosby has led mission teams all over Central and South America, starting churches, building church facilities, and ministering to the needy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crosby has been recognized with numerous honors and awards for his excellence as a church and community leader; and

WHEREAS, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Crosby has been married for nearly four decades to Janet Rose Hamilton, and they are the proud parents of Rachel Daughtry, Rebekah Deris, and Joshua Crosby; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crosby is widely respected and admired throughout his community and has touched the lives of countless people with his singular gifts and talents; and

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WHEREAS, through God's kindness and mercy, First Baptist Church of New Orleans thrives as a unified community, and members have the utmost trust that His grace will lead them on in harmony and thanksgiving as they celebrate their beloved pastor, Dr. Crosby, as a community of faith and fellowship and continue to serve God and their fellow citizens while touched by his honorable leadership and inspiration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. David E. Crosby upon the celebration of his fifteenth anniversary as pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans, does hereby express sincere and heartfelt appreciation for his guidance of this loving and devoted church family, and does hereby wish Dr. Crosby, his family, and the church's congregation full measures of success, happiness, and richest blessings in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. David E. Crosby.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE