

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Reverend Johnny Ray Turner, Sr., upon his installation as pastor of the Mount Arack Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the faith community of the Mount Arack Baptist Church is celebrating the installation of its beloved new pastor, Reverend Johnny Ray Turner, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, born on January 17, 1960, as the fourth of twelve children of the late Phillip Turner, Sr., and Rosie Lee Turner, Reverend Johnny Ray Turner, Sr., is the devoted husband of Linda J. Turner and the proud father of Tarneshala, Samehea, and Johnny, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Turner received his call to the ministry on April 13, 2008, was ordained on November 14, 2010, and was selected as pastor of the Mount Arack Baptist Church on March 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Turner served as under-shepherd at Mount Arack for one year and three months before being elected as pastor, and during this time, his teachings brought new converts to the fold and helped to increase attendance; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Turner has always been in the service of the Lord, having served as a deacon for many years at his home church, Green Grove Baptist Church, and singing in a Gospel quartet for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Turner has spent his life preparing for the role of making disciples, and he is the cofounder of the Turners' nonprofit organization, Vessels by God's Design, which is a family ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Turner's compassionate and nurturing spirit follows the leadership of Christ, and he is committed to doing the works of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the scripture upon which Reverend Turner's uncompromising ministry stands is Galatians 1:10-12, which declares, "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I

seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ"; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2012, Reverend Turner's installation celebration is beginning with morning worship and intercessory prayer at Mount Arack, and Reverend Patrick Turner of Fort Worth, Texas, is serving as guest minister; and

WHEREAS, the installation services are being held that afternoon at the New St. James Baptist Church, where Reverend William Armstrong is the pastor, and Reverend Al Bartie, Jr., will bring the installation message; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Arack Baptist Church community thrives as a unified community of faith and fellowship, and Reverend Turner merits a special measure of commendation for his exceptional leadership as his pastorship is commemorated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the historic occasion of the installation of Reverend Johnny Ray Turner, Sr., as pastor of the Mount Arack Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, does hereby commend and honor him for his dedication, does hereby congratulate Reverend and Mrs. Turner and their family as they celebrate this most significant and memorable event, and does hereby extend to the Turner family 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 Johnny Ray Turner, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES