

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Reverend Dr. Winston Christopher Ridley, Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Reverend Doctor Winston Christopher Ridley, Jr., upon the occasion of his
3 visit to the great state of Louisiana and fellowship with Mount Esther Baptist Church
4 of Morgan City.

5 WHEREAS, Winston C. Ridley, Jr., was baptized at the age of thirteen at Jerusalem
6 Baptist Church in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, which provided a rich and firm foundation of
7 religious training; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1980, Jerusalem Baptist Church granted Rev. Ridley a license to
9 preach, and he became an associate minister; after six years of training in the ministry,
10 Rev. Ridley was ordained to preach by the ministerial staff at Rodman Street Missionary
11 Baptist Church in Pittsburgh and held the position of associate minister until he was called
12 to pastor Mount Olive Baptist Church in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, where he served with
13 dedication and distinction for fourteen years; and

14 WHEREAS, following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Rev. Ridley accepted an
15 invitation to preach in October 2000 at The Greater First Baptist Church in Washington,
16 D.C.; by May 2001, he was installed as its pastor; and

17 WHEREAS, Rev. Ridley immediately employed new ways for the church to
18 biblically, culturally, and technologically minister to the needs of its members and
19 community, and while diligently working with his congregation through the years, he
20 labored and achieved a master of divinity degree in 2006 and a doctor of ministry degree in
21 2011 from Howard University School of Divinity; and

1 WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Ridley is the proud husband of Bonita LuRose Lee
2 Ridley, an accomplished coloratura soprano, pianist, and organist; Mrs. Ridley holds the
3 office of National Coordinator/Chair of the Ministers' Wives and Widows of the National
4 Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ridley has enhanced his ministry through memberships with the
6 National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, the Hampton University Ministers'
7 Conference, the Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C., and
8 Vicinity, and the Interfaith Council of the mayor of Washington, D.C.; Dr. Ridley also
9 serves on the board of directors of the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, D.C.;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the ministry of Dr. Ridley has expanded beyond the walls of The
12 Greater First Baptist Church to the European continent, where he and the Fellowship Choir
13 of the church ministered to the people of Düsseldorf, Germany, and Stockholm, Sweden; and

14 WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Ridley will preach the Word at the seventeenth
15 pastoral anniversary of the Reverend Doctor Charles Oatis, Sr., pastor of Mount Esther
16 Baptist Church in Morgan City, and it is with great joy and gladness that the citizens of
17 Louisiana welcome Dr. Ridley to the state to celebrate this happy occasion.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Reverend Doctor Winston C. Ridley, Jr.,
20 upon his momentous visit to the state and to the pulpit of Mount Esther Baptist Church in
21 Morgan City and does hereby express best hopes and prayers for God's continued guidance
22 upon his ministry and his life.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
24 to the Reverend Dr. Winston C. Ridley, Jr.

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