

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY REPRESENTATIVE GIROD JACKSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Rev. Dr. John Austin Brooks, Sr., upon the celebration of his 75th birthday

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Reverend Doctor John Austin Brooks, Sr., upon the celebration of his seventy-
3 fifth birthday.

4 WHEREAS, on Friday, April 20, 2012, friends and family are gathering to celebrate
5 the seventy-fifth birthday of Reverend Doctor John Austin Brooks, Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks merits a sincere measure of commendation for his
7 faithful and committed service to Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Harvey and the people
8 of the state of Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks was born to Reverend Clarence Ellis Brooks, Sr., and
10 Mrs. Bertha Lane Brooks on April 12, 1937, and baptized at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church
11 on May 13, 1945; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks graduated from McDonogh #35 High School, earned
13 an undergraduate degree from Dillard University of New Orleans in 1959, and received a
14 master of education degree from Nicholls State University in 1973, and master of divinity
15 and theology degrees from Union Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978 and 1981,
16 respectively, before being awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity degree in 1989; and

17 WHEREAS, on May 9, 1959, Reverend Brooks married his devoted wife, Kathleen
18 Lemon Brooks, with whom he has two children, Donita and John Brooks, Jr., six
19 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks was ordained on June 11, 1976, under the direction
21 of the Westside Missionary Baptist Association; and

1 WHEREAS, after the death of his father, Reverend Clarence E. Brooks, Sr.,
2 Reverend Brooks was elected pastor of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church and was installed on
3 August 13, 1976; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks has been a source of great inspiration for the people
5 of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church; among his accomplishments are leading the drives to build
6 a new edifice in 1985 and the Mount Pilgrim Multipurpose Christian Center in 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks has served on numerous Christian boards and
8 committees and in various offices throughout the state and nation, including being a
9 founding member of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated,
10 past president of the Westside Missionary Baptist Association, and a member of the
11 Louisiana Baptist State Convention and the National Baptist Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks has served faithfully and with distinction and has
13 provided steady, visionary leadership for his church and community and has been a mentor,
14 teacher, preacher, confidant, counselor, and brother to many.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Reverend Doctor John Austin Brooks, Sr.,
17 upon his seventy-fifth birthday, does hereby recognize the spiritual leadership, inspiration,
18 and guidance that he provides to his church and community, and does hereby wish him and
19 his family full measures of success and happiness in the years to come.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to Reverend Doctor John Austin Brooks, Sr., of the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in
22 Harvey.

DIGEST

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Girod Jackson

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