

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Pastor Kendall Pierre, Sr., of Ama, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Pastor Kendall Pierre, Sr., on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at the age of forty-five; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Ama, Louisiana, Kendall Pierre, Sr., served with distinction as the pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church and was a widely beloved, respected, and admired member of the St. Charles Parish community; and

WHEREAS, born on May 9, 1974, Kendall graduated from Hahnville High School in 1992; he was called to the ministry and was ordained to preach on May 4, 2001; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2009, Kendall was installed as the senior pastor of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and he led the church through significant growth and expansion during his eleven-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Kendall was an active member of his community; he was the master barber and operator of a salon in Ama, the head coach of the Southeast Louisiana Warriors Elite Mentoring Program, a sports and mentoring program focused on developing the talent and character of young African American men, and an assistant coach with Hahnville High School boys' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Kendall is survived by his wife of twenty-four years, Sabrina Odom Pierre; his children, Tayler, Kendall, Jr., and Kaden; his mother, Ilean Pierre-Medley; his stepfather, Robert Medley; his grandfather, Irving A. Pierre, Sr.; his mother-in-law, Sadie Odom; his sisters, Chanel Preyan and Niketha Lemons; his sisters-in-law, Edwina Odom and Demetrian Odom; his brother-in-law, Alfred Odom, and his wife Tearra; his great-aunts, Agnes Brown, Eva Compton, Marion Griffin, Barbara Pilson, and her husband Barry, and

Rita Wright; his aunts, Sherron Triche, and her husband Eldridge, Bridget Taylor, Loubbertha Ann Pierre, and Shirley Garrison; his uncle, Stanley Taylor; his nieces, Skye Sanders, Sanai Odom, Charity and Trichaad Triche, and Kennedy Lemons; his nephews, Tyrese Lee, Brandon Ives, Xavier Odom, Eric, Jr., Daetahge, and Zion Lemons; his godmother, Dedria Smith; his godfather, Larry Singleton; his godchildren, Carlos Watkins, Kristen Singleton, Craig Williams, Trey Wilson, Mikel Rainey, Rylee Keyes, Lindsey Green, and Warren and Brielle LeBeauf; and many beloved cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Kendall's death has left a tremendous void in his community and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many individuals whose lives he touched, including his family, the members of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, his fellow pastors, his co-workers, his clients, his neighbors, and the young people he mentored and inspired; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of Kendall Pierre, Sr., Louisiana has lost one of her finest sons, a man of faith and many gifts and talents who has left an indelible mark on his community, and his memory shall live forever in the minds and hearts of all who were blessed to know and love him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Pastor Kendall Pierre, Sr., of Ama in St. Charles Parish; does hereby record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments, singular contributions, and enduring legacy of service and love; and does hereby extend appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that this wonderful man will forever bring to his family, friends, church, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Pastor Kendall Pierre, Sr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES