

1 corners in the Lower Ninth Ward, where he grew up; and

2 WHEREAS, after receiving his call to the ministry three years earlier, the members
3 of FABC elected him pastor, even through he had no pastoral experience; and

4 WHEREAS, today, Reverend Luter is a well respected leader, preacher, and speaker,
5 making headlines in 1992, when he was elected as the first African American to the
6 executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; and

7 WHEREAS, starting with only sixty five members in 1986, reverend Luter has led
8 FABC to over eight thousand members, making it the largest Southern Baptist church in the
9 state of Louisiana, which embodies the mission statement to "spiritually impact families,
10 neighborhoods, cities, and the state by exalting the Savior"; and

11 WHEREAS, of the two thousand and twelve SBC ballots, Reverend Luter received
12 one thousand five hundred and fifty-eight or seventy-seven percent of the votes to be SBC's
13 next vice president; and

14 WHEREAS, Daniel Akin, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological
15 Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, nominated Reverend Luter, calling him "one of
16 SBC's most popular and beloved preachers, and is in constant demand to speak in schools,
17 colleges, seminaries, and conferences all across the nation"; and

18 WHEREAS, in his nomination, Akin reminded delegates that Reverend Luter, in
19 2001, was the first African American to preach the SBC convention sermon, and also served
20 as an SBC second vice president; and

21 WHEREAS, in August 2005, Reverend Luter lost his home and the FABC to the
22 floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina, and still, he traveled across the nation to minister to
23 displaced SBC members pushing one of his favorite sayings "if you save the man, the man
24 will save his family"; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Luter and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Kimberly
26 Ann and Fred "Chip" Luter III.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 commend Reverend Fred Luter Jr. of Franklin Baptist Church on being elected vice
29 president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

1 Reverend Fred Luter Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

Morrell

SCR No.

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