

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church on the occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary.

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the pastor and members of the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, upon the celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is with great respect of purpose that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes and commends the good works provided to the community by the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church on the auspicious occasion, Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012, a blessed event that marks with dignity and praise a new high point in the history of this century old church body; and

WHEREAS, under the present leadership of Elder Marshall Hall, the congregation has provided Christian fellowship and spiritual guidance by the creation and support of an abundance of family ministries, including Community Kids Outreach, the Christmas Toy Drive, the community clothes closet for the needy, and a New Year's Day meal for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1912, Little Rising Sun Baptist Church has had several special men of God to lead them, including the Reverend Milligan, the Reverend Gilbert Forrest, the Reverend Chester Forrest, Reverend Charles Grigsby, and its present pastor, Elder Marshall Hall; and

1 WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings, the church has expanded its deacons board,
2 implemented vacation bible school, added bible classes, and constructed improvements to
3 the sanctuary; and

4 WHEREAS, since the founding of the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church, thousands
5 have been saved, called into the Lord's service, rescued from the perils of ungodliness, and
6 set upon the path of the righteous; and

7 WHEREAS, the mothers of the church include founding mother, Sister Dilworth,
8 Sister Rebecca Crawford, and Sister Maggie Mathews; and

9 WHEREAS, among its founding members were Brothers Gil Davis, F. Kleinpeter,
10 Bill Givens, B. Randolph, L. Watts, and P. Johnson, along with Sisters Mary Hardin,
11 Indiana Wallace, Clara Hollins, Eunice Grant, and Mary Early; and

12 WHEREAS, in the last one hundred years Little Rising Sun Baptist Church has
13 experienced expansive growth in membership, the congregation has prospered, and the
14 sacred seeds of love and redemption have been sown; and

15 WHEREAS, the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church remains a touchstone of Christian
16 faith and mercy for servants of the Lord at every age and in every circumstance, and its
17 future rests in the capable hands of a new generation of devoted members who stand ready
18 to serve the Lord.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby commend and congratulate the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church upon the
21 celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary, Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Elder
23 Marshall Hall, pastor of the Little Rising Sun Baptist Church.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Susan P. Montague.

DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb

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