

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE