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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR WOMACK

COMMENDATIONS. To commend and congratulate the Pentecostals of Wayside of Franklin Parish on its 104th anniversary.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate the Pentecostals of Wayside of Franklin Parish on the
3	occasion of its 104th anniversary and to celebrate the faith of its founders.
4	WHEREAS, the Pentecostals of Wayside was founded in 1920 in Winnsboro,
5	Louisiana and was the first Apostolic Pentecostal Congregation in Northeast Louisiana; and
6	WHEREAS, the original charter members included the Wollerson, Day, Parker,
7	Smith, and Taylor families; and
8	WHEREAS, many great men have given their hearts to preaching the saving Gospel
9	at the Pentecostals of Wayside including Brother W. T. Hemphill, Brother Riley Hodge,
10	Brother E. D. Browning, Brother Jack Wallace, Brother Huey Smith, Brother Louis Dunn,
11	Brother Doyle Aaron, Brother Son Warrbington, Brother Barker, Brother Lambert, Brother
12	Jack Jones, Brother Hammons, Brother Buck McKeithen, Brother Eugene Smith, Brother
13	Tullos, Brother Ralph McAllister, Rev. Clyde Grayson, Brother George Bates, Brother C.
14	N. Tucker, Reverend Jesse E. Boothe, Reverend Scott Wilson, Brother Roger Pete, Reverend
15	Norris Poole, and the current and longest continuous serving Pastor Tommy Cotten; and
16	WHEREAS, many other evangelists have filled the Wayside pulpit, pouring revival
17	into the people, including Matt Holland, Henry Dunn, James Warbington, R.W. Hancock,
18	Carl Shurte, Bill Yates, and Jeff Leyva, and countless others; and

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WHEREAS, the church has undergone many changes in the last century from the
first church building built in 1928, to the addition of Sunday school rooms in the 1960s, a
new parsonage in the 1970s, and a large fellowship hall in the 1980s; and
WHEREAS, most of the church's amazing transformation through the years was
carried out by the men of the church who labored many hours every evening after work; and
WHEREAS, the church's prayers have been answered through the construction of a
new church building which was promised by God years ago; and
WHEREAS, since the church's inception, sinners have turned their lives to the Lord
Jesus Christ, through water baptisms at Bayou Mason, the Low Water Bridge, the Shells, and
in the new sanctuary; and
WHEREAS, throughout the past century, the Pentecostals of Wayside have stood
firm in their beliefs and reached out to lost and broken souls by sharing the truth and good
news of the Lord Jesus Christ; and
WHEREAS, the church body that began 104 years ago with little more than the
strength and tenacity of its founders remains today a strong beacon of hope and promise for
its faithful congregation who serve the Lord Jesus Christ and Franklin Parish.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby commend and congratulate the Pentecostals of Wayside of Franklin Parish on
the occasion of its 104th anniversary and celebrates the faith of its founders.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
hereby commend the dedication of its new Edifice during the third week of April in 2024
and the 19th anniversary of service of Pastor and Mrs. Tommy Cotten.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Pastor Tommy Cotten of the Pentecostals of Wayside.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

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