

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATOR PRICE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends First Mount Carmel Baptist Church for 150 years of service to its community and the members of its congregation.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend First Mount Carmel Baptist Church for one hundred fifty years of service to  
3 the Sunshine, Louisiana, community and the members of its congregation.

4 WHEREAS, the First Mount Carmel Baptist Church, of Sunshine, Louisiana, was  
5 duly incorporated on September 13, 1868, and previously known as the African Baptist  
6 Church; and

7 WHEREAS, the first pastor of the First Mount Carmel Baptist Church was the Rev.  
8 C. G. Burnett who served until his death and was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Brown; and

9 WHEREAS, Rev. Fountain Coleman became pastor with a membership of one  
10 hundred seventy-five and rebuilt the church in 1891; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1892, Rev. Coleman built a school out of the old building, and not  
12 only pastored the First Mount Carmel Baptist Church congregation, but organized and set  
13 apart churches in other communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Rev. Fountain Coleman was a great minister, pastor, leader, and  
15 pioneer, and left a legacy for all who followed after him; and

16 WHEREAS, Rev. Sandia Porter succeeded Rev. Coleman and served until he passed  
17 away and Rev. Abram Lewis, a kind and gentle man of God, served the First Mount Carmel  
18 Baptist Church until he was called to his reward in glory after Rev. Porter; and

1           WHEREAS, Rev. Robert Brown became pastor of the First Mount Carmel Baptist  
2 Church in 1960 and his main objective has been to make it a scriptural church, meaning to  
3 do all things God's way, not our way, and to win souls for Christ; and

4           WHEREAS, under Rev. Brown's leadership, various auxiliaries were organized,  
5 including the first Trustee Board, the Victory Workers, the Pastor's Aid, the Junior Choir,  
6 and the Home Mission Board; and

7           WHEREAS, Pastor Brown also organized the first Women's Day program and due  
8 to the tremendous effort of the Women's Day committee and the support of the members,  
9 one thousand five hundred dollars was raised to panel the church; and

10           WHEREAS, as Rev. Brown and the membership continued to work together, other  
11 remodeling and beautification projects were completed, including having the roof lowered,  
12 adding an annex with a kitchen, a pastor's study and a secretary's office, installing central  
13 heating and air conditioning, as well as new carpet and tiled flooring; and

14           WHEREAS, Rev. Brown donated the first light fixtures of the old church and had  
15 an indoor baptismal pool installed; and

16           WHEREAS, over time, the one hundred plus year structure began to decay, and in  
17 1992, preparation for a new church began; and

18           WHEREAS, in 1994, the new church building was completed and opened for service  
19 on Sunday, February 13, 1994; and

20           WHEREAS, Rev. Robert Brown has lovingly served First Mount Carmel Baptist  
21 Church and led as its pastor for the past fifty years; and

22           WHEREAS, he has, on numerous occasions, blessed infants who were dedicated to  
23 the Lord, baptized children, officiated over countless wedding ceremonies, and consoled  
24 many families during their hour of bereavement; and

25           WHEREAS, he has also displayed a compassionate, caring spirit with each visit to  
26 the sick who are homebound, in hospitals, and in nursing homes, but most importantly, in  
27 the pulpit, standing behind the sacred desk, Pastor Brown preached and taught the truth of  
28 God's word with boldness and conviction; and

29           WHEREAS, as he moves forward into an era of promise for First Mount Carmel  
30 Baptist Church, Rev. Brown continues to put his faith, trust, and ministry in God's hands for

1 the betterment of the congregation and community.

2           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
3 does hereby commend First Mount Carmel Baptist Church for one hundred fifty years of  
4 service to the Sunshine, Louisiana, community and the members of its congregation and  
5 does hereby extend prayers for continued fruitfulness in faith and guidance by the hand of  
6 God in every endeavor.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to First  
8 Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

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

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