

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR DORSEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Reverend Thomas N. Bessix, of the New Gideon Baptist Church, on being named President of the Fourth District's Congress of Christian Education.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Reverend Thomas N. Bessix on being named the President
3 of the Fourth District's Congress of Christian Education.

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas N. Bessix has been a driving force for change by
5 setting ideas in motion, moving beyond mere rhetoric to overt acts of enlightenment; and

6 WHEREAS, in May 1996, Thomas N. Bessix was licensed as a minister and was
7 then ordained at Mt. Gideon Baptist Church in Maringouin, Louisiana under the leadership
8 of Reverend Reginal L. Pitcher in August of 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, on the first Sunday of July 2000, Reverend Bessix became pastor of
10 New Gideon Baptist Church located at 2542 Balis Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Bessix, Mt. Gideon's membership grew
12 spiritually as the attendance to Bible Study, Fulfillment Hour (Sunday School) and Sunday
13 Morning Worship grew tremendously; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2007, a second worship service was added along with the launching
15 of the construction of a new Educational/Life Center; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas N. Bessix is an honor graduate of Shady Grove High
17 School, a graduate of Southern University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree
18 in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, and he

1 completed studies at Louisiana State University where he became certified in Special
2 Education and is currently enrolled at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary working
3 towards a Master's of Divinity in Biblical Languages; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Bessix is a member of the Fourth District Missionary Baptist
5 Association, East Baton Rouge Minister's Conference, Louisiana State Baptist Convention,
6 National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas N. Bessix and his wife, Dr. Kimberly Davis Bessix,
8 have been married for eight years; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Bessix does not rest on his laurels, for each day brings fresh
10 opportunities for service and compassion as the church's mission is "to be a church driven
11 by evangelism, just as that of Jesus Christ, to seek and to save that which is lost".

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby commend Reverend Thomas N. Bessix for outstanding contributions made on
14 behalf of his congregation, his community, and his state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
16 hereby commend Reverend Thomas N. Bessix for a job well done, as he embraces his term
17 as President of the Fourth District's Congress of Christian Education.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
19 Reverend Thomas N. Bessix.

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

DIGEST

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