

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY SENATOR TARVER

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr. on his retirement as pastor of New Boggy Baptist Church in Bethany, Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr. for thirty-eight years of faithful Christian  
3 service as pastor of New Boggy Baptist Church in Bethany, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr., a native of Caddo Parish (Rodessa,  
5 LA) confessed his call to the ministry in February of 1973 at the Mount Canaan Baptist  
6 Church under the leadership of Pastor Harry Blake; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 11, 1973, Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr. preached his first  
8 sermon declaring the Gospel that Jesus Christ is Lord; and

9 WHEREAS, in the history of Mount Canaan Baptist Church, it is noted that  
10 Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr. organized and led one of the largest Baptist Training Union  
11 (BTU) programs that unpacked the scriptures and what God requests of us as born again  
12 believers; and

13 WHEREAS, as Reverend Hamilton devoted himself to the study of God's word and  
14 committed to a ministry of serving the sheep, he assisted with the preaching ministry each  
15 second Sunday at the St. Mary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Pastor  
16 Leon Bell in the Cooper Road area; and

17 WHEREAS, additionally, he supported the preaching ministry each fourth Sunday  
18 at the Calvary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Pastor A. Blaze until

1 1980; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Boggy Baptist Church in 1980 received Reverend Hamilton  
3 as the eleventh pastor of this historical church where he has served faithfully for thirty-eight  
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Hamilton's tenure places him in a leadership role in the rich  
6 history of the New Boggy Baptist Church that was established in 1869, as the longest serving  
7 pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, with his announcement to retire from pastoring effective Sunday,  
9 May 27, 2018, Pastor Hamilton probably never thought he would serve long enough to raise  
10 his children, see them married, and then have grandchildren attending Sunday morning  
11 worship services with him; and

12 WHEREAS, more than half of his life has been committed to the New Boggy family  
13 for which the church members are eternally grateful; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Hamilton has been blessed abundantly with gifts that have  
15 allowed him to serve God, his family, his country in the United States Marine Corp, and the  
16 students of Southern University at Shreveport in the capacity of professor and chair of the  
17 social sciences department, with an unwavering commitment; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Hamilton's lifelong mission of service to God will culminate  
19 on May 27, 2018, and it is appropriate to recognize this man of God for his long and  
20 effective pastorship.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 does hereby commend the Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement  
23 after thirty-eight years of service as pastor of New Boggy Baptist Church in Bethany,  
24 Louisiana, and does hereby extend to him best wishes as he embarks upon the next stage of  
25 his life.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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Commends the Reverend Lonnie Hamilton Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of service as pastor of New Boggy Baptist Church in Bethany, Louisiana.