

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends David Hankins upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend David Hankins upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana  
3 Baptist Convention.

4 WHEREAS, David Hankins has served as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist  
5 Convention (LBC) since 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of California, Mr. Hankins was reared in Texas and graduated  
7 from Dallas Baptist University as well as Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where  
8 he earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree; and

9 WHEREAS, he was exposed to Christianity his entire life as his father was a Baptist  
10 deacon and his grandfather was a Baptist preacher; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1963, at the age of thirteen, Mr. Hankins made a profession of faith,  
12 and four years later committed himself to the Gospel ministry and became an ordained  
13 minister; and

14 WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1985, he served a pair of Baptist churches in Texas and  
15 then Mr. Hankins traveled to Louisiana where he grew the membership of Trinity Baptist  
16 Church in Lake Charles from two thousand five hundred members to nearly three thousand  
17 five hundred and baptized more than nine hundred members during that time; and

18 WHEREAS, he was also heavily involved in state and national denominational life

1 during that time and served as president of the state Pastors' Conference in 1995 and as chair  
2 of the LBC Committee on Committees from 1989 to 1992; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hankins also chaired the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)  
4 Resolutions Committee and was chair of the SBC Executive Committee from 1991 to 1992;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, upon leaving Trinity Baptist Church in 1996, he became vice president  
7 for convention policy with the SBC Executive Committee, was named vice president for the  
8 Cooperative Program in 1998 to expand involvement in supporting world missions and  
9 ministry, and began his tenure as executive director with the LBC on February 1, 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hankins has been married to his wife, Patty, since 1969 and they  
11 have three grown sons, Andy, Eric, and Adam, and are members of the Philadelphia Baptist  
12 Church in Alexandria; and

13 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
14 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication  
15 of people like David Hankins; and

16 WHEREAS, David Hankins merits the highest commendation and sincere  
17 congratulations for his exemplary service as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist  
18 Convention and for his faithful leadership and devotion to its members.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
20 does hereby commend and congratulate David Hankins on the occasion of his retirement as  
21 executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; record and recognize his numerous  
22 contributions to this state; extend to him much appreciation for his long, dedicated, and  
23 generous service; and express sincere wishes for health and happiness in all of his future  
24 endeavors.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
26 David Hankins.

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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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