

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends First Baptist New Roads on its one hundred twentieth anniversary

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend First Baptist New Roads on its one hundred twentieth anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, the history of First Baptist New Roads is a testament to both the mission
4 of Jesus Christ and His principal commandment to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind,
5 and strength and to love one's neighbor as one's self; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1901, a spirited pastor named Reverend Lee set off to establish a
7 Baptist church in the predominantly Catholic frontier of Point Coupee Parish in Louisiana;
8 he endured many obstacles early on, particularly a major flood in 1912, which destroyed the
9 area including the original church structure, and the Great Depression of the 1930s; and

10 WHEREAS, much of First Baptist New Roads' early history has been lost as a result
11 of these challenges during the early twentieth century; however, one fact that remains clear
12 is that the church's roots were firmly planted; it was revitalized in 1943 and has remained
13 a beacon in the community since; and

14 WHEREAS, First Baptist New Roads continued its mission of growing its faith
15 community by expanding its locations and increasing its reach; it established False River
16 Baptist Church in September 1949 and the now-inactive Bueche Mission in 1961; the church
17 also supported a mission church in Plentywood, Montana, by purchasing land and a building
18 and another, named Sherwood Baptist Mission, in Pineville, Louisiana; and

19 WHEREAS, First Baptist New Roads has also supported West Cabarrus Baptist
20 Church in North Carolina, Westside Fellowship in Addis, Louisiana, and the ministry of
21 Clay and LeAnn Holcomb to plant a church in Portland, Oregon; and

1 WHEREAS, the creation of Hope Ministries of Point Coupee Parish and Center of
2 the Arts, in addition to mission trips, prayer rallies, and revivals, are signs of First Baptist
3 New Roads' incredible commitment to and impact on its community; it is most deserving of
4 the highest recognition.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend First Baptist New Roads on its one hundred
7 twentieth anniversary; does hereby further recognize its inspiring dedication to its mission
8 of growing and sharing its faith message; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that First
9 Baptist New Roads continue to prosper in its mission and service.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 senior pastor of First Baptist New Roads.

DIGEST

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Commends First Baptist New Roads on its 120th anniversary.