

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bishop C. James King, Jr., for his service.

WHEREAS, Bishop C. James King, Jr., is the eldest of twelve children born to Charles James King, Sr., and Ruthie Mae Middlebrooks King; he was born on May 15, 1948, in Columbus, Georgia, and was reared by his grandparents, Horace and Zadie Mae Middlebrooks; and

WHEREAS, Bishop King received a bachelor or arts degree in history from Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, in 1974; he earned a master of divinity degree specializing in the Old Testament at The Interdenominational Theological Center, Phillips School of Theology, in 1979 and then attended Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, where he earned a doctor of ministry specializing in educational administration with a concentration in developing programs of self-help for economically disadvantaged youth; and

WHEREAS, Bishop King was elected the 63rd Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland, on the fourth ballot on July 1, 2014, and was assigned the Eleventh Episcopal District; and

WHEREAS, at the 2018 General Conference, Bishop King was assigned to the Fourth Episcopal District, which includes the state of Louisiana; he has been in the ministry for fifty-six years and has pastored congregations around the country, including Murray Memorial in Covington, Georgia, Bunton Institutional in Washington, D.C., and Brown Memorial in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Bishop King's administrative experience is extensive; he served as presiding elder in the Cincinnati-Dayton-Indianapolis District in the Ohio-Central Indiana Region for twelve years; he also served in the Second Episcopal District as the Episcopal Director of faith-based and community-based ministries and was a member of the General Board of Personnel Services for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop King is also the founder, president, and chief executive officer of Project One, Inc., which is a faith-based, nonprofit corporation that has helped over fifteen thousand youth become engaged in meaningful summer employment and after-school programs; he has raised substantial funding to support the youth services facilitated by his corporation, which has led to the development of many programs including the Annual Summer Jobs Campaign, the Summer Earning and Enrichment Program, the Fatherhood Program, and the Talented and Gifted Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, Bishop King is the former chair of the board of trustees for The Interdenominational Theological Center, and he is the first Christian Methodist Episcopal pastor to serve as chair of the board; he played an instrumental role in raising funds for the school's budget; and

WHEREAS, Bishop C. James King, Jr., is an inspiring individual who is most deserving of the highest recognition for his community involvement, faith leadership, and charity work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bishop C. James King, Jr., for his service and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to receive the support necessary for him to continue his truly beautiful work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bishop C. James King, Jr.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES