

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor William L. Nash on the occasion of his fiftieth pastoral anniversary.

WHEREAS, William L. Nash accepted his calling to ministry as a student at DeRidder High School in 1973; during his early ministry, he was invited to fill pulpits at Pentecostal churches in the parishes of Beauregard, Vernon, Sabine, and Natchitoches; he was selected by faculty and staff to open his 1977 high school commencement with a prayer; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nash married Leona Russell of Turkey Creek, Louisiana, in 1981; they ministered together to many congregations across eight states, and by 1982, Pastor Nash began his own pastoral ministry; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nash and his wife have served six Pentecostal congregations as either assistant pastor or pastor; over the past twenty years, they have served the congregation of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Mangham, Louisiana; he was also named "Bishop/Founding Pastor of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church" on his sixty-fifth birthday on March 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nash has often been invited to lead the opening prayer for both the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate; in 2014, he was named an honorary chaplain by the House of Representatives, and in 2017, Mr. and Mrs. Nash were guests of Congressman Ralph Abraham at the U.S. House of Representatives, where he was also invited to lead the body in prayer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his role at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, Pastor Nash serves as a deputy sheriff chaplain to the staff of Sheriff Gary Gilley of Richland Parish; he has also been a member of the hospital board for Mangham Clinic for three years, and he is the appointed deputy custodian of voting machines under the Richland Parish Clerk of Court; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nash was elected president of the Fort Polk Heritage Family Association in 2019; this association works alongside the United States military service members at the installation to preserve the heritage of its original landowners as well as the grave sites of the original families of the Fort Polk Range; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Pastor Nash has used his signature love of Louisiana history to serve as a Louisiana political author; his books include *High Hat Sam Jones*, *The Battle of the Longs*, and *The Powerful Passman*; he is currently working on an account of the life of Governor John McKeithen; and

WHEREAS, Pastor William L. Nash is a truly inspiring individual, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his decades of service to Louisiana and his faith community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor William L. Nash on the occasion of his fiftieth pastoral anniversary and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper as he faithfully serves the spiritual needs of his community.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES