

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 236

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Reverend Dr. Altorio R. Holden, Sr., for his achievements.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Altorio R. Holden, Sr., is a native of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and the youngest of ten children born to Joseph and Dorothy Kay Holden; he is married to Adrian Raymond Holden, and they have two children, Latoria A. Holden and Altorio Holden, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Holden is the founder and head pastor of Living Word Ministries of Natchitoches and pastor of St. Savior Church in Grand Ecore, Louisiana; he has been in ministry for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Holden was educated in Natchitoches Parish public schools and attended Wiley College and Northwestern State University; he graduated from United Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible College; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Holden currently serves as a professor at United Baptist Theological Seminary and Bible College; his responsibilities include not only the instruction of courses, but also coaching the seminary's debate team and organizing campus and community evangelization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work as a professor, Pastor Holden has ordained numerous ministers and installed pastors to lead churches in multiple parishes; he helped establish churches in the United States and Cuba; he is affectionately known as the "Love Preacher" because of his message of love and his efforts to show the love of God to everyone he meets; and

WHEREAS, outside of his religious responsibilities, Pastor Holden is an incredibly civic-minded individual who is motivated to educate the community on important social, religious, and political issues; he has served as president of the Natchitoches Parish Ministerial Alliance and as a member of the Natchitoches Parish School Board; he is a

founding board member of Natchitoches Crime Stoppers, the current presiding minister of the Beautiful Gate Fellowship of Churches, and a member of the board of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Holden has worked as a corporate safety director for Pilgrim's Pride for sixteen years; in this role, he oversees the safety of nearly six thousand employees across five states; his team has achieved nearly twelve million safe man-hours, and his work sites have been recognized for setting record-low injury rates in the poultry industry; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Altorio Holden, Sr., is a true community servant who is most deserving of the highest recognition for his many achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Reverend Doctor Altorio R. Holden, Sr., for his achievements and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in his ministerial mission, community involvement, and professional endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES