

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

BY SENATOR BOUIE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Pastor Fred Luter Jr. on the dedication by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary of the student center building in his name.

WHEREAS, at a ceremony to be held on June 14, 2023, the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be dedicating their student center building as the Fred Luter, Jr. Student Center; and

WHEREAS, the Fred Luter Jr. Student Center will be one of the first buildings named for an African-American leader on a Southern Baptist Convention seminary campus; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Fred Luter Jr. has been an exemplary leader, devoted servant, and unwavering advocate for the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, throughout his ministry, Pastor Luter has consistently demonstrated profound commitment to the New Orleans community, offering hope, healing, and spiritual guidance to countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Luter's leadership as the senior pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church has been marked by his compassion, vision, and dedication to empowering others to live transformed lives in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Fred Luter's impact extends far beyond the confines of his local congregation; he has played a pivotal role in fostering unity, reconciliation, and social justice within the broader Christian community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Luter has been a trailblazer, breaking barriers as the first African-American president of the Southern Baptist Convention and using his platform to champion diversity, inclusion, and racial harmony; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary recognizes the immense contributions of Pastor Fred Luter Jr. and seeks to honor his legacy by dedicating a building in his name, affirming his enduring impact on generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the building stands as a testament to the profound influence Pastor Luter has had on the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the wider Christian community; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary that the dedication serve as a reminder of the power of faith, the importance of leadership, and the profound impact that one individual can make on the world, and that deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation are extended to him for his tireless commitment to the Gospel and his unyielding devotion to the Kingdom of God.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Fred Luter Jr. for his selfless service, exemplary leadership, and transformative impact on the lives of countless individuals; recognize his unwavering faith, dedication, and love for his community that is hereby recorded for posterity; and further congratulates him on the distinct honor of the naming of the Fred Luter, Jr. Student Center on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor Fred Luter Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE