

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr. on his apostolic anointing.

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Michael Smith Sr. is a native of Clinton, Louisiana, and the son of Ida Mae Dunn and Charles Edward Smith Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is the senior pastor and founder of New Covenant Christian Center in Baker, Louisiana, and Jericho International Ministries in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith received a four year scholarship to Delaware State University in 1991, and concluded his studies at Delaware State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Marketing; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith was an active representation of hope and optimism for many youth and young adults, faithfully serving as a tutor counselor, child mental health worker, and Big Brother in the community; and

WHEREAS, 1991 was a benchmark year for Bishop Smith; he received an invitation from a friend to attend a church service and this encounter with the presence of God led to his acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ and impartation of the gift of the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, wholeheartedly devoted and passionate concerning the things of God, Bishop Smith heard the call of the Lord to ministry while under the leadership of Bishop Mary L. Alexander and Elder Austin Alexander of the Seventh Day Holy Church of Deliverance in Dover, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, patiently anticipating the set timing of the Lord, Bishop Smith committed his time, gifts, talents, abilities, and all other resources to several auxiliaries in the church such as: audio technician, prayer warrior, church choir, musician, and trustee; and

WHEREAS, while serving in all humility, he was ordained and licensed as a Minister and Elder of the Lord's church; and

WHEREAS, while striving for economic achievement, his thirst for God increased and he sought tutelage and became a candidate for the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith has been a successful entrepreneur of several businesses for over twenty-five years; he is a philanthropist, counselor, mentor, motivational speaker, and certified author; and

WHEREAS, he released his freshman book "*C's to Success*" in October 2020 during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is the Founder and CEO of Move Your Feet Inc., a nonprofit organization that assists with various projects for community organizations, outreaches, and human development services; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is a fashion trendsetter, ambassador influencer, and stylist in his own right and is the proud owner of M2 Fashions; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith relocated to his home state of Louisiana in July 2003 and throughout the transition, God began to speak to him concerning his ministry and where it would be located; and

WHEREAS, while laboring fervently in prayer, Bishop Smith began to embrace the call and God given vision, and on Wednesday, October 1, 2003, Bishop Smith held his first bible study meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Lord demonstrated unmerited favor and affirmation of this mandate through the mantle that rests upon Bishop Smith for healing, deliverance, and miracles, and during the bible study meetings as Bishop Smith promulgated the Word of God, lives were saved, set free, and transformed, and God began to multiply the number of people at each meeting; and

WHEREAS, because of the mantle that rests upon Bishop Smith's life, God began to stretch him into new territory to birth a second location, and on October 17, 2010, Jericho International Ministries came into fruition and held its first service at 230 Little John Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is a servant of God, has a thirst and passion to see every soul transformed by the uncompromising Word of God, has a radical, straightforward way

of teaching the Gospel, and has a big heart for all people; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is currently serving as the Senior Lead Pastor at New Covenant Christian Church and Jericho International Ministries and functions in many other capacities; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2010, Bishop Smith was commissioned to serve as Chaplain for the City of Baker Police department; he serves as vice-president on The City of Baker Chamber of Commerce, The Baker Community Foundation, a proud member of the 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, and serves on the Mid-South Conference Board of International Pentecostal Holiness Church; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2013, Bishop Smith was elevated and consecrated to the Holy Office of Bishop in the Lord's Church by which Kingdom Covenant Fellowship International Ministries was established in the states of Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, and the countries of Liberia and Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is a member of the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops and under the leadership of the late Bishop Metropolitan Jess Delano Ellis, II, D.D.; Bishop Smith co-produced the Victory and Hope TV Broadcast and The Sound of Praise Radio Broadcast; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2018, Bishop Smith received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida, and he is currently Spiritual Advisor for the Southern University Gospel Choir of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, along with his wife, Pastor Lady Dr. Dionne Smith; and

WHEREAS, with an apostolic anointing, Bishop Smith has yielded much of his time in ministry, training leaders, and equipping the body of Christ for end time warfare; and

WHEREAS, although required to give much, Bishop Smith is adamant about maintaining a balanced life and productive progression, and with a desire to see every believer walking in the center of God's will for their life, Bishop Smith is passionate about teaching all people from all walks of life, and through revelatory preaching and teaching, God uses Bishop Smith to birth supernatural miracles and healing during services; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is the End-Time Prayer Intercessor for the Nation; a young man embodying the wisdom of Solomon, patience of Job, radical praise of the

psalmist David, and a mantle liken unto that of the Prophet Elijah; Bishop Smith is that earthen vessel filled with treasures from the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is married to the anointed, beautiful Lady Dr. Dionne Smith and they have a daughter, Victoria, and a son, Michael, II; and

WHEREAS, as Bishop Smith continues to strive for spiritual excellence, he always believes that with God all things are possible and he attributes all his accomplishments to God, stating "But by the Grace of God, I am what I am," (I Corinthians 15:10).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr. on his apostolic anointing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE