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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS AND SENATOR PRICE

COMMENDATIONS: Commends New Zion Christian Center for its spiritual journey over the course of its one-hundred-fifty-year history

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend New Zion Christian Center for its spiritual journey over the course of its one-
3	hundred-fifty-year history.
4	WHEREAS, New Zion Christian Center was first formed as Mt. Zion Baptist Church
5	in a little sugar community known as Plantations on the East Bank of the Mississippi River;
6	the church was formed by a group of believers led by Sheppard Johnson, and Thomas B.
7	Holmes served as its pastor and overseer; and
8	WHEREAS, Mt. Zion was renamed New Zion Baptist Church in 1902 under the
9	leadership of Reverend Jessie Keys; during his tenure, the church moved first to East Main
10	Street and later East Second Street, and the faith community grew considerably; and
11	WHEREAS, New Zion experienced a period of significant growth and transition
12	under Reverend Keys and his successors Reverend Thomas B. Holmes, Reverend Isaac
13	Curtis, Reverend Levy Curtis, Reverend Guste Fritz, Reverend Williams Stewart, Reverend
14	V. Bailey, Reverend Ky Jones, and Reverend Versey Michael; and
15	WHEREAS, New Zion continues to grow under its current pastor, Elder Emil Dean
16	Mitchell, Sr.; Pastor Mitchell and his wife, Minister Beatrice Mitchell, serve the church
17	together and share the labors of leading the faith community; and
18	WHEREAS, under Pastor Mitchell, New Zion's name changed to New Zion Full
19	Gospel Baptist Church; years later, he oversaw the establishment of New Zion Christian
20	Center with a new sanctuary that houses one thousand churchgoers; and

WHEREAS, New Zion Christian Center and its faith community are most deserving
of the highest recognition for their inspiring growth over the last one hundred fifty years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
commend New Zion Christian Center for its spiritual journey over the course of its one
hundred-fifty year history and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the New Zion
Christian Center family continues to prosper for many years to come.

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Commends New Zion Christian Center for its spiritual journey over the course of its 150-year history.