

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Gerald L. Vinnett Sr., on his thirtieth anniversary as pastor of the Fifth African Baptist Church of St. Rose, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Gerald L. Vinnett Sr., has faithfully served as pastor of Fifth African Baptist Church in St. Rose for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett has been a humble servant of God for over four decades, utilizing his gifts, talents, and abilities for the betterment of the community and the edification of the body of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett, born to the late Norman Vinnett Sr., and Victoria Peters Vinnett, has demonstrated unwavering commitment to his faith, family, and congregation throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett, alongside his beloved wife Janet Montgomery Vinnett, has raised a family founded on faith and love, serving as a shining example to his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett's journey in ministry began with his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his personal savior and continued with his baptism and subsequent licensure and ordination to preach the gospel; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett's pursuit of academic excellence culminated in the attainment of a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Southern University in New Orleans, as well as Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology degrees from the Kenner Christian Theological Bible College in Kenner, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett's commitment to his calling extends beyond the walls of Fifth African Baptist Church, as evidenced by his involvement in various ministerial alliances, conventions, and educational pursuits, including certifications in expository preaching; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett's installation as pastor of Fifth African Baptist Church on March 25, 1994, marked the beginning of a transformative journey characterized by unwavering dedication to preaching and teaching the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vinnett's leadership has been instrumental in fostering growth and development within his congregation and the surrounding communities, exemplifying the motto he established for Fifth African Baptist Church, "Where Jesus Christ is the centered attraction".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Gerald L. Vinnett Sr., on his thirtieth anniversary as pastor of the Fifth African Baptist Church of St. Rose, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gerald L. Vinnett Sr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE