

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY SENATOR FESI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Bayou Blue Assembly on its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate the Bayou Blue Assembly on its one hundredth year  
3 anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, the Bayou Blue Assembly, an enduring symbol of faith, compassion,  
5 and community spirit in Lower Bayou Blue, Houma, Louisiana, eagerly anticipates  
6 celebrating its momentous one hundredth year anniversary on May 19, 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, the rich history of the Bayou Blue Assembly traces back to its humble  
8 beginnings, with its first gathering held on the front porch of Telemac Matherne's home in  
9 Lower Bayou Blue, marking the inception of a journey guided by faith, unity, and service;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in 1924, the Bayou Blue Assembly received formal recognition as a  
12 named place of worship within the Assemblies of God, embarking on a century-long mission  
13 to spread the gospel, foster fellowship, and uplift the community; and

14 WHEREAS, the Bayou Blue Assembly's journey has been characterized by  
15 remarkable dedication and leadership, exemplified by Rev. Dave Adams' selfless  
16 commitment to ministering to the community, walking seven miles down Bayou Blue  
17 despite the challenges posed by the dirt road, and the assembly's current esteemed leaders,  
18 Pastors Patrick "Packy" and Janet Thompson, who have faithfully served for thirty-one years

1 and continue to inspire through their leadership and devotion; and

2 WHEREAS, the Bayou Blue Assembly has consistently demonstrated a deep  
3 commitment to serving the community, engaging in various initiatives including but not  
4 limited to:

5 (1) Providing vital support and aid to communities affected by natural disasters,  
6 partnering with nonprofit organizations such as Christian Aid Ministries, Convoy of Hope,  
7 and Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank to deliver essential relief and assistance.

8 (2) Contributing to the Churches United Fellowship for over two decades, fostering  
9 unity and collaboration among local churches to address community needs and organize  
10 outreach efforts.

11 (3) Operating the House of Hope twice a week, offering essential services and  
12 support to the homeless and underprivileged, providing meals, spiritual guidance, and access  
13 to facilities for hygiene and laundry, while also equipping them with resources to improve  
14 their circumstances.

15 (4) Supporting domestically abused women and pro-life centers, offering financial  
16 assistance, supplies, and advocacy for vulnerable individuals in the community.

17 (5) Participating in the Community Network to facilitate assistance and support for  
18 individuals in need, demonstrating a commitment to compassionate outreach and service.

19 (6) Operating the Missions Possible Thrift Store, a vital fundraising initiative to  
20 support missions locally and abroad, contributing to global outreach efforts and community  
21 development projects.

22 (7) Providing financial support to missionaries worldwide and Chi Alpha College  
23 Campus Ministries, enabling the spread of the gospel and supporting ministry initiatives  
24 globally and on college campuses.

25 (8) Establishing a division of the School of Urban Missions, offering academic and  
26 practical training to students called to ministry and missions, nurturing future leaders and  
27 ambassadors of faith.

28 (9) Engaging actively with children and student ministries, participating in various  
29 community programs, events, and initiatives aimed at promoting positive values, education,  
30 and spiritual growth; and

1           WHEREAS, despite facing challenges such as the destruction of their church  
2 building by Hurricane Ida in 2021, the Bayou Blue Assembly has exhibited remarkable  
3 resilience and faith, continuing to gather and serve the community, first at Covenant Church  
4 of Houma and later returning to their restored building, with their congregation experiencing  
5 renewed growth and vitality; and

6           WHEREAS, the Bayou Blue Assembly's one hundredth year anniversary is a  
7 testament to the enduring power of faith, service, and community, embodying the values of  
8 compassion, resilience, and unity that have enriched the lives of countless individuals and  
9 families in Lower Bayou Blue and beyond.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
11 does hereby extend its heartfelt commendations and congratulations to the Bayou Blue  
12 Assembly on its one hundredth year anniversary, honoring its remarkable legacy, exemplary  
13 service, and steadfast commitment to faith, community, and humanity.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
15 Bayou Blue Assembly, as a token of our deep admiration and gratitude for their invaluable  
16 contributions to our community and society.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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