

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Bayou Blue Assembly on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Bayou Blue Assembly, an enduring symbol of faith, compassion, and community spirit in Lower Bayou Blue, Houma, Louisiana, eagerly anticipates celebrating its momentous 100th anniversary on May 19, 2024; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

outreach efforts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Bayou Blue Assembly's 100th anniversary is a testament to the enduring power of faith, service, and community, embodying the values of compassion, resilience, and unity that have enriched the lives of countless individuals and families in Lower Bayou Blue and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its heartfelt commendations and congratulations to the Bayou Blue Assembly on its 100th anniversary, honoring its remarkable legacy, exemplary service, and steadfast commitment to faith, community, and humanity.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE