

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

1 A RESOLUTION

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Damian J. Brown was born and raised in Avondale, Louisiana;
4 he is the son of Kerry Brown, Sr., and the late Diane Davis; he graduated from L.W. Higgins
5 High School in Marrero, Louisiana, and went on to study at Southern University and A&M
6 College in Baton Rouge; he is currently continuing his theological studies at Andersonville
7 Baptist Seminary in Camilla, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown was baptized in March 1993 under the guidance of his
9 cherished pastor and mentor, the late Reverend Vernon S. Joshua, at Second St. John
10 Missionary Baptist Church in Avondale; after Reverend Joshua's passing, he joined First
11 Pilgrims Baptist Church in 2004 and served under Pastor Eugene Mitchell as minister of
12 Christian education, new members coordinator, and Sunday school superintendent; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown was called to serve under Dr. M.C. Zeno at St. Joseph
14 Missionary Baptist Church, where he remained until accepting the call to pastoral ministry;
15 he was ordained by the Westside Missionary Baptist Association under Dr. J.L. Hampton
16 on November 1, 2013, and has emerged as a strong leader in the Baptist community; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown has served the Westside Missionary Baptist Association
18 in numerous capacities, including president of the Minister's Alliance, secretary of the
19 Scholarship Commission, and executive secretary of the parent body; he currently serves as
20 vice president of the Social Justice Ministry and vice director of the Young Pastors' Division
21 of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention; and

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown was selected as the fourth pastor of Little Zion Baptist
2 Church in Avondale on November 11, 2014, and was installed by the Westside Missionary
3 Baptist Association on December 5, 2014; under his leadership, the church experienced
4 considerable growth, and in 2016, he unveiled plans for the church's reconstruction; the
5 reconstruction was delayed when Hurricane Ida struck in August 2021 and damaged both
6 Little Zion and First Baptist Church of Avondale, where the congregation had temporarily
7 relocated for worship; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown remained firm during crisis and ensured that every
9 member of his congregation received personal care and financial support from the church;
10 he relocated services to the James Simmons Community Center, and on November 6, 2022,
11 Little Zion held the first service in its new sanctuary; the sanctuary was officially dedicated
12 on January 8, 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, under Pastor Brown's leadership, Little Zion has contributed more than
14 \$980,000 to the Avondale community; the church provides meals, tutoring, and enrichment
15 programs in partnership with local leaders, including Councilman Deano Bonano and Bryon
16 Lee; during the COVID-19 pandemic, he coordinated testing and vaccinations with
17 InclusivCare and secured state support for struggling families; aside from his clerical
18 responsibilities, he was appointed commissioner for District 2 of the Jefferson Parish
19 Housing Authority, where he continues his advocacy for justice, equity, and community
20 development; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown is a certified instructor and dean of the Sunday School
22 Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; in this role, he continues
23 the organization's efforts to equip and empower the next generation of Christian leaders; he
24 is also deeply involved with the Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention, the
25 Westside Missionary Baptist Association, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, in September 2024, Pastor Brown was elected to serve as the eighth
28 pastor of his home church, Second St. John Missionary Baptist Church; he is truly most
29 deserving of the highest recognition for his inspiring faith and sincere dedication to
30 community service.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Damian J. Brown and does hereby
3 extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his spiritual endeavors for many
4 more years to come.

DIGEST

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Commends Pastor Damian J. Brown.