

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Damian J. Brown.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES