

1 WHEREAS, in August 1996, Reverend Banks organized and led the New Pilgrim
2 Rest Baptist Church family in the construction of a new church facility which was completed
3 in September 1997, and dedicated in November of that year; and

4 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Banks, New Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
5 has ordained five new ministries and the church motto "We are the church where we come
6 to worship and leave to serve", is a testament to the church's commitment to Christ and its
7 community; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Banks holds a bachelor's degree in theology from the United
9 Theological Seminary and Bible College, a theology degree from the Interdenominational
10 Theological Center of Morehouse at the Morehouse School of Theology, and an honorary
11 doctorate of divinity from St. Thomas Christian College; and

12 WHEREAS, as a community leader and ambassador for Christ, Pastor Banks has
13 served as a moderator of the Liberty Hill Baptist Association since 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, early in his ministry, Reverend Banks sang with Echoes of Harmony,
15 a local gospel quartet in Homer, and he currently sings with The Palmers, another gospel
16 group which has recorded "I Can't Go Back", a song which he wrote; and

17 WHEREAS, as pastor, Reverend Banks's devotion to prayer and service continues
18 to create an uplifting, uniting, and healing church and environment, and his many years of
19 successful service are the result of exemplary dedication to the church and its parishioners;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, for his thirty-five years of ministry, Reverend Banks is affectionately
22 and respectfully known as the Dean of Pastors in the Arcadia region, and it is appropriate
23 to recognize him and extend to him sincere and heartfelt appreciation as he continues to be
24 an inspiration to many.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Reverend Norah Banks, Jr., the Dean of
27 Pastors in the Arcadia area, for thirty-five years of dedicated service to New Pilgrim Rest
28 Baptist Church, does hereby recognize the good works and service that Reverend Banks has
29 given to the church and its parishioners, does hereby express gratitude on behalf of the many

1 lives that Reverend Banks has touched during his ministry, and does hereby extend to him
2 best wishes for health, happiness, and God's richest blessings in the years to come.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to Reverend Norah Banks, Jr.

DIGEST

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Commends Rev. Norah Banks, Jr., for his many years of service to New Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.