

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran upon her installation as General Overseer of the Full Gospel Baptist Church in Bossier City.

WHEREAS, Beryl Cowthran, was born to the late Pastor Athan Cowthran, Jr. and Betty L. Cowthran, the youngest of three children; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran serves as the site pastor of Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church in Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, she is a summa cum laude graduate of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas; and

WHEREAS, throughout her collegiate career at Wiley College, Ms. Cowthran held many leadership roles, including Miss Freshman, Basileus of the Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Pre-Alumni Counsel; and

WHEREAS, she also served as a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, and as peer counselor and tutor, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran holds a bachelor of science degree in cardiopulmonary sciences from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - School of Allied Health and a master of arts in industrial/organizational psychology from Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran has served as an educator, speaker, and registered respiratory therapist; and

WHEREAS, she is also the first African-American to serve as a registered diagnostic cardiac sonographer for LSU HSC-Shreveport, now University Health; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran possesses in her heart a burning desire to see others uplifted from despair through her passion and mission work; and

WHEREAS, she displayed this desire to help others when she recently traveled to Jamaica and Haiti on mission trips; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran has spent her life preparing for the role of making disciples and has served the Christian ministry in various capacities as the cofounder and operator of ABC Consultants, executive assistant to Bishop L. Lawrence Brandon, chief ministry officer for Praise Temple Family Church, and school board president and principal for University Christian Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, the scripture upon which Pastor Cowthran's uncompromising ministry stands is Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"; and

WHEREAS, the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship community thrives as a unified community of faith and fellowship, and Pastor Cowthran merits a special measure of commendation for her exceptional leadership as her general overseership is commemorated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran upon her installation as General Overseer for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, does hereby commend her for her many years of service to the Gospel, and does hereby wish her many more successful years in her ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES