

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

SENATE. Designates Wednesday April 23, 2014, as Union Bethel AME Church Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 23, 2014, as Union Bethel AME Church Day in the
3 Louisiana Senate.

4 WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church was founded
5 by Richard Allen in 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a connectional church;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Episcopal refers to the form of government under which the
8 church operates, having Bishops serve as the chief executive and administrative
9 officers of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination; and

10 WHEREAS, the roots of the AME are of the family of Methodist churches,
11 which provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on
12 a plain and simple gospel; and

13 WHEREAS, the word African means that the church was organized in
14 America by people of African heritage, to be inclusive of all person regardless of
15 decent; and

16 WHEREAS, the AME church has more than one million members scattered
17 across the United States, Canada, South America, West Africa, South Africa, and the
18 West Indies; and

1 WHEREAS, the Union Bethel AME Church of Amelia, Louisiana, St. Mary
2 Parish, was organized in 1865 and the church structure was rebuilt at its current
3 location in 1902; and

4 WHEREAS, the Union Bethel AME Church is located within the boundaries
5 of the Eighth Episcopal District of the AME Church and within the
6 Alexandria-Thibodaux Presiding Elder District.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Senate does
8 hereby recognize Wednesday, April 23, 2014, as Union Bethel AME Church of
9 Amelia, Louisiana Day in the Louisiana Senate.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to the Right Reverend Julius Harrison McAllister, Sr., Presiding Bishop of the Eighth
12 Episcopal District, and Reverend Lloyd Washington, Presiding Elder of the
13 Alexandria-Thibodaux District.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Margaret M. Corley.

DIGEST

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