

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates Tuesday, June 2, 2015, as Union Bethel A.M.E. Church Day in the Louisiana House of Representatives

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, June 2, 2015, as Union Bethel A.M.E. Church Day in the Louisiana
3 House of Representatives.

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

6 WHEREAS, the word "African" means that the church was organized by people of
7 African descent and heritage; it does not mean that the church was founded in Africa or that
8 it was for persons of African descent only; and

9 WHEREAS, the roots of A.M.E. churches are of the family of Methodist churches;
10 Methodism provides an orderly system of rules and regulations and places emphasis on a
11 plain and simple gospel; and

12 WHEREAS, "Episcopal" refers to the form of government under which the church
13 operates; the chief executive and administrative officers of the African Methodist Episcopal
14 denomination are the Bishops of the church; and

15 WHEREAS, the A.M.E. Church has more than one million members scattered across
16 the United States, Canada, South America, West Africa, South Africa, and the West Indies;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Union Bethel A.M.E. Church of Amelia, Louisiana, St. Mary Parish,
19 was organized in 1865; the church structure was rebuilt at its current location in 1902; and

20 WHEREAS, Union Bethel A.M.E. Church of Amelia is celebrating its
21 sesquicentennial anniversary; and

1 WHEREAS, Union Bethel A.M.E. Church is located within the boundaries of the
2 Eighth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church and within the Alexandria-Thibodaux
3 Presiding Elder District.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, June 2, 2015, as Union Bethel
6 A.M.E. Church Day in the Louisiana House of Representatives.

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

DIGEST

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