

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Reverend Willie Laws upon his retirement after twenty-six years of faithful service to Southern University through the Wesley Foundation.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Willie Laws has retired as director of the Wesley Foundation at Southern University after twenty-six years of faithful service to the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Laws is an ordained associate member of the Louisiana Annual Conference; he served as pastor of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Denham Springs, Asbury United Methodist Church in Clinton, Beech Grove United Methodist Church in Zachary, Mount Carmel United Methodist Church in Clinton, Scott United Methodist Church in Port Allen, and Wesley United Methodist Church in Norwood, all of which are in the Baton Rouge District of the Louisiana Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Laws has served on the United Methodist Church Division of Elders–Board of Ordained Ministry and the Baton Rouge District United Methodist Church Committee on Nominations and Personnel; he has been a member of the Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations and the Working Interfaith Network; the Reverend Laws has served on the PICO board of directors, was a faith-based community organizer for the greater Baton Rouge area, and was a member of the Southern University Wesley Foundation board; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Laws was named Dillard University Pastor of the Year in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Laws has been married to Ramona Johnson Laws for forty-three years, and the fruit of this union is three children and nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the Reverend Willie Laws for his dedication to the Southern University community he served for twenty-six years and to honor his service as a pastor to the flocks he shepherded in the greater Baton Rouge community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Reverend Willie Laws upon his retirement and does hereby express best hopes for enjoyment of his years of leisure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Reverend Willie Laws.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES