

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Saturday, July 16, 2016, as Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church Day.

WHEREAS, Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1884 in Minden, Louisiana, and built on land shared with Rosenwald Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, education was a vital part of the Growing Valley Church community; in the early years of the church's existence, the local school board donated the school building to Growing Valley; lumber from the front of the former Rosenwald Elementary School was used to construct what is now the J.H. Dixon Youth and Drama Center; and

WHEREAS, pioneers of Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church and its educational complex were the Reverend J.H. Dixon, the Reverend D.B. Lee, and the Reverend Jonah Parker, a principal; Growing Valley Baptist Church's current pastor, the Reverend Dr. George Rice, continues the tradition of spiritual and academic growth for parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Growing Valley Leadership School was featured in the July/August 2015 issue of *The Christian Education Informer* published by the Sunday School Publishing Board; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 16, 2016, the theme "Celebrating the past and renewing the growth in the Valley" will be shared with current members and alumni of Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church at the first annual Growing Valley Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the leadership and congregation of Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church of Minden and does hereby recognize Saturday, July 16, 2016, as Growing Valley Missionary Baptist Church Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor George Rice.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES