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2018 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Donald R. Jones for his significant accomplishments

A RESOLUTION

| 2 | To commend Pastor Donald R. Jones for his outstanding accomplishments and achievements |
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| 3 | as a business and spiritual leader in Jefferson Parish. |
| 4 | WHEREAS, a graduate of West Jefferson High School, Mr. Jones is a life-long |
| 5 | resident of Jefferson Parish; he earned a bachelor of arts in political science from Xavier |
| 6 | University and a bachelor and master of theology from A.P. Clay Christian Theological |
| 7 | College; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was the first African American to serve on the Jefferson |
| 9 | Parish School Board; he was appointed to the board in 1989; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, as a school board member, he implemented a recruitment program to |
| 11 | increase the number of African American teachers in the system; he also oversaw the |
| 12 | appointment of the first female superintendent in the Jefferson Parish school system; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, Donald Jones was elected to the Jefferson Parish Council in 1991, |
| 14 | becoming the first African American elected to that body; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, as councilman, Mr. Jones had several notable accomplishments, |
| 16 | including contributing to the creation of a healthcare clinic, two community centers, a |
| 17 | walking track and swimming pool in Marrero, and two pumping stations to alleviate |
| 18 | flooding; and |
| 19 | WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the Consultant Selection Committee for |
| 20 | Jefferson Parish, the Solid Waste Landfill Committee, and the Eastbank Sewer Review |
| 21 | Committee; and |

1 WHEREAS, Councilman Jones facilitated programs to assist over one thousand five 2 hundred families in Jefferson Parish to become first-time homeowners; and 3 WHEREAS, he was reelected by overwhelming majorities in 1995 and 1999; and 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones hosted Jefferson Review Show, a Cox Cable production 5 featuring high-profile people, places, and events significant to Jefferson Parish; and 6 WHEREAS, he is a member of numerous organizations, including Alpha Phi Alpha, 7 and has received several awards from community groups, civic associations, and political 8 leaders; he is chairman emeritus of the Coalition for Leadership and Development; and 9 WHEREAS, Donald Jones is the founder and senior pastor of Bethesda House of 10 Prayer in Marrero, Louisiana. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Donald R. Jones for his honorable 13 achievements and the exemplary strides that he has taken in his guidance of a loving and 14 dedicated spiritual community; does hereby congratulate Bethesda House of Prayer as it 15 celebrates the pastorship of Donald Jones; and does hereby wish Pastor Jones, his family, 16 and his congregation full measures of success, happiness, and God's grace in all of their 17 future endeavors. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 19 to Pastor Donald R. Jones.

DIGEST

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Commends Pastor Donald R. Jones.