

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

To commend David Hankins upon his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

WHEREAS, David Hankins has served as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention (LBC) since 2005; and

WHEREAS, a native of California, Mr. Hankins was reared in Texas and graduated from Dallas Baptist University as well as Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree; and

WHEREAS, he was exposed to Christianity his entire life as his father was a Baptist deacon and his grandfather was a Baptist preacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, at the age of thirteen, Mr. Hankins made a profession of faith, and four years later committed himself to the Gospel ministry and became an ordained minister; and

WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1985, he served a pair of Baptist churches in Texas and then Mr. Hankins traveled to Louisiana where he grew the membership of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles from two thousand five hundred members to nearly three thousand five hundred and baptized more than nine hundred members during that time; and

WHEREAS, he was also heavily involved in state and national denominational life during that time and served as president of the state Pastors' Conference in 1995 and as chair of the LBC Committee on Committees from 1989 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hankins also chaired the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Resolutions Committee and was chair of the SBC Executive Committee from 1991 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving Trinity Baptist Church in 1996, he became vice president for convention policy with the SBC Executive Committee, was named vice president for the Cooperative Program in 1998 to expand involvement in supporting world missions and ministry, and began his tenure as executive director with the LBC on February 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hankins has been married to his wife, Patty, since 1969 and they have three grown sons, Andy, Eric, and Adam, and are members of the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like David Hankins; and

WHEREAS, David Hankins merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary service as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and for his faithful leadership and devotion to its members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate David Hankins on the occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; record and recognize his numerous contributions to this state; extend to him much appreciation for his long, dedicated, and generous service; and express sincere wishes for health and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to David Hankins.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE