

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences on the death of Reverend Joel S. Greene Sr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of Reverend Joel Scott Greene Sr., longtime pastor and educator in Southwest
4 Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Joel Scott Greene Sr. was born on April 14, 1933, to Reverend Melvin
6 Greene Sr. and Mrs. Myrtle Mae Greene in Eunice, Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Greene was raised on Beulah Street, Eunice, Louisiana, where
8 he attended public school; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1951, Reverend Greene graduated from and was named valedictorian
10 of North Eunice High School, and that same year he answered the call to ministry and was
11 licensed and ordained; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Greene believed deeply in the importance of family as the
13 basic social unit; he married Alice Lorenia "Rene" Antoine, the love of his life, in 1951 and
14 there were two daughters born to the couple, Cheryl Lynn and Myrtle Marie, and four sons,
15 Joel Jr., Lloyd Edward, Obadiah, and Karl Fitzgerald; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Joel Greene proudly served in the United States Army, and
17 was the first native of Eunice, Louisiana, to be commissioned an officer in the United States
18 Army as a second lieutenant; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1954, Rev. Greene received his Bachelor of Arts from Southern
2 University in three years as a member of their first accelerated program, and in 1958 he
3 earned his master of education degree from Texas Southern University; and

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Greene was a great believer in the importance of education, a
5 belief that he lived, as he was a leader in the field of education within his own community;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Joel Greene Sr. was the first native of Eunice to be named
8 principal of Happy Hill Elementary School, a historically majority African-American school,
9 and in 1970 he was the first African American named assistant principal at Eunice High
10 School; and

11 WHEREAS, Rev. Greene served as an educator in the Lafayette Parish school system
12 for over thirty-five years, teaching generations of children; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1987 Rev. Greene founded Union Baptist Christian Bookstore in St.
14 Martinville, Louisiana, which remained open until 1992; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1993, Reverend Joel Greene was a founding board member of
16 Southwest Louisiana Primary Healthcare Center in Opelousas, Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as an educator, Rev. Greene served the Lord,
18 assuming the pastorate and pastoral duties in the following churches, Morning Star Baptist
19 Church in Midland, Louisiana, for five years, at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in
20 Jeanerette, Louisiana, for twelve years, Union Baptist Church in St. Martinville, Louisiana,
21 and Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Opelousas, Louisiana, where he served for over thirty years;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Joel Greene assumed ministerial duties and biblical teaching
24 positions throughout the Union Sixth District Large and Seventy District Missionary Baptist
25 Associations as vice president at-large and as an instructor, the Louisiana Baptist State
26 Convention, and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. as executive advisor and board
27 member; and

28 WHEREAS, Reverend Joel Scott Greene Sr. served his people as an educator and his
29 Lord as a minister, and his impact was felt through the communities in Southwest Louisiana,
30 including Eunice, St. Martinville, Opelousas, Midland, Jeanerette, and throughout Lafayette

1 Parish, a man whose faith brought him home on April 26, 2019, at the age of eighty-six, and
2 he rests easily in the arms of his Lord.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
4 does hereby offer sincere condolences upon the death of Reverend Joel Scott Greene Sr. who
5 served South Louisiana as an educator and follower of the Lord.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 family of Rev. Joel Scott Greene Sr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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