

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR WOMACK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates First Baptist Church of Crowville, Louisiana, on its 150th anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate First Baptist Church of Crowville, Louisiana, on the occasion
3 of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, the first Baptist church in the Crowville community was built in 1871,
5 about one-quarter mile east of Crowville at a place called Hurricane, to serve the spiritual
6 needs of the faithful residing in that community; and

7 WHEREAS, on January 23, 1871, the denomination known as the "Missionary
8 Baptist Church of Christ of Hurricane" purchased eighty acres of land, upon which the
9 church would be built; and

10 WHEREAS, on July 13, 1872, the church was incorporated as the "Baptist Church
11 of Christ at Hurricane" in Franklin Parish, composed of those who had been immersed and
12 received into the fellowship of the church; and

13 WHEREAS, on February 9, 1889, an amendment to the church charter was made
14 providing that the church be moved from Hurricane to Crowville and that the name of the
15 church become "Baptist Church of Christ of Crowville", and for a time services were held
16 in the building used for school and church on the grounds of what is now the Crowville
17 School campus; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 10, 1889, one and one-half acres of land was purchased in the

1 town of Crowville, upon which the church was built; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1917, on the site of the old church, a new church was built, a
3 two-story structure which served the community for over twenty years; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1938, on the current site of the church, a white frame wooden
5 auditorium was built, including a pulpit and baptistry, and in 1941, with its congregation
6 rapidly growing, that building was expanded to accommodate the faithful; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1946, a two-story educational building was added to the auditorium,
8 and in 1958 the church further expanded with an entire brick wing housing a nursery,
9 kitchen, and fellowship areas; and

10 WHEREAS, in February 1958, the church was rechristened as "First Baptist Church
11 of Crowville"; and

12 WHEREAS, in April 1968, construction was completed on a new brick auditorium
13 and educational building, and the first service was held in the church building that endures
14 to this day; and

15 WHEREAS, beginning June 5, 2021, the church and its community will begin a
16 weekend of festivities to celebrate their remarkable achievements; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout its history, thanks to dedicated pastors and hard working and
18 devoted members, First Baptist Church of Crowville has refused to be deterred by the
19 hardships and adversity that often confront the faithful, and to this day signals its intention
20 to serve uninterruptedly as an inspirational and spiritual center of the community for years
21 to come.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend and congratulate First Baptist Church of Crowville on the occasion
24 of its one hundred fiftieth anniversary, and does hereby express its best thoughts and prayers
25 for the congregation to remain true in the work of the Lord.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27 Pastor Wade Coker of First Baptist Church of Crowville.

