

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Reverend Shelton Charles Dixon upon twenty-five years of outstanding pastoral leadership.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Reverend Shelton Charles Dixon on his twenty-fifth  
3 anniversary as an outstanding pastor and God's anointed spiritual leader of Greater  
4 Mount Olive Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Shelton Dixon was born on May 3, 1965, in Lake Charles, Louisiana,  
6 to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Dixon Sr., one of eight children; and

7 WHEREAS, he is married to Jacqueline J. Dixon, and they are the proud parents of  
8 Diamond NiJae Dixon; and

9 WHEREAS, upon accepting God's calling, Reverend Dixon preached his first sermon  
10 at the young age of twenty-two on June 30, 1987; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Dixon was educated in the Calcasieu Parish Public School  
12 System; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Dixon attended Calvary Theological Seminary in Lake  
14 Charles, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Education with a minor in  
15 Ministry; he also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Christian Bible  
16 College of Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1992, Reverend Dixon was selected as one of the "Fifty Leaders of  
18 Tomorrow" by *Ebony Magazine*; in 1997 he was honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the

1 Lambda Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc.; in 1998 he was honored as "Minister  
2 of the Year" by the Early Risers Kiwanis Club; and in 2010 he was inducted into "The  
3 Fraternity of the Sword" at the Biblical Exposition Conference in Chicago, Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, as an effective and obedient servant of God, Reverend Dixon serves in  
5 various roles: he is the founder and pastor of Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist  
6 Church, the General Secretary of Third District Bogue Chitto General Missionary Baptist  
7 Association, the General President-Elect of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions  
8 Baptist Convention, Incorporated, the General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention  
9 of America International, Incorporated, and he serves on various boards; and

10 WHEREAS, during the 2016 flood in Baton Rouge, Reverend Dixon taught by  
11 example that a child of God must "count it all joy" when facing trials and tribulations; and

12 WHEREAS, the flood destroyed Reverend Dixon's home, fifty-three members'  
13 homes, and the church, which required the membership to move their services to True Light  
14 Baptist Church for twenty-two months before repairs were completed; and

15 WHEREAS, upon returning to his pulpit, Reverend Dixon spoke not about what had  
16 been lost, but instead about what had been gained: new friends and new relationships with  
17 individuals and fellow churches that crossed racial lines and served as the epitome of the  
18 Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Shelton Dixon, through his efforts to empower and enhance  
20 the quality of life for all individuals and families combined with his spiritual leadership, has  
21 made a significant and lasting impact on our community and state.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby commend and congratulate Reverend Shelton Charles Dixon on his twenty-fifth  
24 anniversary as an outstanding pastor and God's anointed spiritual leader.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
26 Reverend Shelton Charles Dixon.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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Commends and congratulates Reverend Shelton Charles Dixon upon 25 years of outstanding pastoral and spiritual leadership.