

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1889, one and one-half acres of land was purchased in the town of Crowville, upon which the church was built; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE