

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

A RESOLUTION

To commend First Baptist New Roads on its one hundred twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the history of First Baptist New Roads is a testament to both the mission of Jesus Christ and His principal commandment to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love one's neighbor as one's self; and

WHEREAS, in 1901, a spirited pastor named Reverend Lee set off to establish a Baptist church in the predominantly Catholic frontier of Point Coupee Parish in Louisiana; he endured many obstacles early on, particularly a major flood in 1912, which destroyed the area including the original church structure, and the Great Depression of the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, much of First Baptist New Roads' early history has been lost as a result of these challenges during the early twentieth century; however, one fact that remains clear is that the church's roots were firmly planted; it was revitalized in 1943 and has remained a beacon in the community since; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist New Roads continued its mission of growing its faith community by expanding its locations and increasing its reach; it established False River Baptist Church in September 1949 and the now-inactive Bueche Mission in 1961; the church also supported a mission church in Plentywood, Montana, by purchasing land and a building and another, named Sherwood Baptist Mission, in Pineville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist New Roads has also supported West Cabarrus Baptist Church in North Carolina, Westside Fellowship in Addis, Louisiana, and the ministry of Clay and LeAnn Holcomb to plant a church in Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Hope Ministries of Point Coupee Parish and Center of the Arts, in addition to mission trips, prayer rallies, and revivals, are signs of First Baptist New Roads' incredible commitment to and impact on its community; it is most deserving of the highest recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend First Baptist New Roads on its one hundred twentieth anniversary; does hereby further recognize its inspiring dedication to its mission of growing and sharing its faith message; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that First Baptist New Roads continue to prosper in its mission and service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the senior pastor of First Baptist New Roads.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES