

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr. on his apostolic anointing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr. on his apostolic anointing.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Michael Smith Sr. is a native of Clinton, Louisiana, and the  
4 son of Ida Mae Dunn and Charles Edward Smith Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is the senior pastor and founder of New Covenant  
6 Christian Center in Baker, Louisiana, and Jericho International Ministries in Baton Rouge,  
7 Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith received a four year scholarship to Delaware State  
9 University in 1991, and concluded his studies at Delaware State University with a Bachelor  
10 of Science in Business Administration and Marketing; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith was an active representation of hope and optimism for  
12 many youth and young adults, faithfully serving as a tutor counselor, child mental health  
13 worker, and Big Brother in the community; and

14 WHEREAS, 1991 was a benchmark year for Bishop Smith; he received an invitation  
15 from a friend to attend a church service and this encounter with the presence of God led to  
16 his acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ and impartation of the gift of the Holy Spirit; and

17 WHEREAS, wholeheartedly devoted and passionate concerning the things of God,  
18 Bishop Smith heard the call of the Lord to ministry while under the leadership of Bishop

1 Mary L. Alexander and Elder Austin Alexander of the Seventh Day Holy Church of  
2 Deliverance in Dover, Delaware; and

3 WHEREAS, patiently anticipating the set timing of the Lord, Bishop Smith  
4 committed his time, gifts, talents, abilities, and all other resources to several auxiliaries in  
5 the church such as: audio technician, prayer warrior, church choir, musician, and trustee; and

6 WHEREAS, while serving in all humility, he was ordained and licensed as a Minister  
7 and Elder of the Lord's church; and

8 WHEREAS, while striving for economic achievement, his thirst for God increased  
9 and he sought tutelage and became a candidate for the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
10 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith has been a successful entrepreneur of several businesses  
12 for over twenty-five years; he is a philanthropist, counselor, mentor, motivational speaker,  
13 and certified author; and

14 WHEREAS, he released his freshman book "C's to Success" in October 2020 during  
15 the global pandemic; and

16 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is the Founder and CEO of Move Your Feet Inc., a  
17 nonprofit organization that assists with various projects for community organizations,  
18 outreaches, and human development services; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is a fashion trendsetter, ambassador influencer, and stylist  
20 in his own right and is the proud owner of M2 Fashions; and

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith relocated to his home state of Louisiana in July 2003 and  
22 throughout the transition, God began to speak to him concerning his ministry and where it  
23 would be located; and

24 WHEREAS, while laboring fervently in prayer, Bishop Smith began to embrace the  
25 call and God given vision, and on Wednesday, October 1, 2003, Bishop Smith held his first  
26 bible study meeting; and

27 WHEREAS, the Lord demonstrated unmerited favor and affirmation of this mandate  
28 through the mantle that rests upon Bishop Smith for healing, deliverance, and miracles, and  
29 during the bible study meetings as Bishop Smith promulgated the Word of God, lives were  
30 saved, set free, and transformed, and God began to multiply the number of people at each

1 meeting; and

2 WHEREAS, because of the mantle that rests upon Bishop Smith's life, God began  
3 to stretch him into new territory to birth a second location, and on October 17, 2010, Jericho  
4 International Ministries came into fruition and held its first service at 230 Little John  
5 Boulevard; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is a servant of God, has a thirst and passion to see every  
7 soul transformed by the uncompromising Word of God, has a radical, straightforward way  
8 of teaching the Gospel, and has a big heart for all people; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is currently serving as the Senior Lead Pastor at New  
10 Covenant Christian Church and Jericho International Ministries and functions in many other  
11 capacities; and

12 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2010, Bishop Smith was commissioned to serve as  
13 Chaplain for the City of Baker Police department; he serves as vice-president on The City  
14 of Baker Chamber of Commerce, The Baker Community Foundation, a proud member of  
15 the 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, and serves on the Mid-South Conference Board  
16 of International Pentecostal Holiness Church; and

17 WHEREAS, on June 28, 2013, Bishop Smith was elevated and consecrated to the  
18 Holy Office of Bishop in the Lord's Church by which Kingdom Covenant Fellowship  
19 International Ministries was established in the states of Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and  
20 Mississippi, and the countries of Liberia and Nigeria; and

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is a member of the Joint College of African American  
22 Pentecostal Bishops and under the leadership of the late Bishop Metropolitan Jess Delano  
23 Ellis, II, D.D.; Bishop Smith co-produced the Victory and Hope TV Broadcast and The  
24 Sound of Praise Radio Broadcast; and

25 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2018, Bishop Smith received his Doctor of Divinity Degree  
26 from St. Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida, and he is currently Spiritual  
27 Advisor for the Southern University Gospel Choir of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, along with  
28 his wife, Pastor Lady Dr. Dionne Smith; and

29 WHEREAS, with an apostolic anointing, Bishop Smith has yielded much of his time  
30 in ministry, training leaders, and equipping the body of Christ for end time warfare; and

1           WHEREAS, although required to give much, Bishop Smith is adamant about  
2 maintaining a balanced life and productive progression, and with a desire to see every  
3 believer walking in the center of God's will for their life, Bishop Smith is passionate about  
4 teaching all people from all walks of life, and through revelatory preaching and teaching,  
5 God uses Bishop Smith to birth supernatural miracles and healing during services; and

6           WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is the End-Time Prayer Intercessor for the Nation; a  
7 young man embodying the wisdom of Solomon, patience of Job, radical praise of the  
8 psalmist David, and a mantle liken unto that of the Prophet Elijah; Bishop Smith is that  
9 earthen vessel filled with treasures from the Lord; and

10           WHEREAS, Bishop Smith is married to the anointed, beautiful Lady Dr. Dionne  
11 Smith and they have a daughter, Victoria, and a son, Michael, II; and

12           WHEREAS, as Bishop Smith continues to strive for spiritual excellence, he always  
13 believes that with God all things are possible and he attributes all his accomplishments to  
14 God, stating "But by the Grace of God, I am what I am," (I Corinthians 15:10).

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
16 does hereby commend Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr. on his apostolic anointing.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
18 Bishop Dr. Michael L. Smith Sr.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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DIGEST

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