

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Reverend Ronnie O. Blake on the occasion of his fifth pastoral anniversary.

WHEREAS, Reverend Ronnie O. Blake is the second of seven children born to Nathaniel and Johnnie Blake; he is a native of Grambling, Louisiana, where he received his primary and secondary education, and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology at Grambling State University; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Blake was baptized at an early age by Reverend B. M. White at Oakland Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana; he accepted the call to preach the Gospel in 1988 under the guidance of Reverend Charles L. Jackson at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Blake became a licensed minister on May 24, 1992; he was ordained a minister of the Gospel by the Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association on February 4, 1994, while serving under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.; additionally, he served as the interim pastor at Glen Oaks Baptist Church in Baton Rouge from June 1997 until June 1998; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Blake pursued religious education at numerous institutions; he received a degree in Christian education from Capital City Religious Institute in Baton Rouge in 1994, and he earned a bachelor's degree in theology at Christian Bible College on June 14, 2004; he received certification from the American Association of Christian Counselors as a certified Christian counselor on June 1, 2007; he returned to Christian Bible College and completed a Doctor of Divinity degree on June 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Blake is a member of the National Baptist Convention, the Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Ministers Conference; he is married to Izetta VanBuren Blake; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Blake has served at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church since 1990, and he led Mount Pilgrim's street ministry; he taught Sunday school in the adult division of the Higher Ground Fellowship Hour and led weekly Bible study; he led Christian education courses at various Fourth District Missionary Baptist Association and Louisiana Missionary Baptist State Convention events; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ronnie O. Blake was elected the ninth pastor of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church on March 19, 2019, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his outstanding leadership over the course of the past five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Reverend Ronnie O. Blake on the occasion of his fifth pastoral anniversary and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors as he leads the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church family.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES