

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 376

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., for more than six decades of preaching the Gospel

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., for more than six decades of preaching the Gospel.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., is the first African American to graduate from  
4 Louisiana State University at Shreveport; he was installed as pastor of Calvary Missionary  
5 Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1973; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Gant preached the first sermon at the 1976 National Baptist  
7 Convention of America (NBCA) in Detroit, Michigan; he served as the moderator of the  
8 Mt. Hermon District Association in 1979 and began his radio ministry in 1984; and

9 WHEREAS, Pastor Gant hosted the first NBCA Congress and Youth Convention;  
10 he served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M  
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Gant has served as president of the Baptist Missionary and  
13 Educational State Convention of Louisiana; he served fourteen years over three terms with  
14 the Shreveport Airport Authority; and

15 WHEREAS, Pastor Gant served as co-chairman of the Caddo Parish School Board  
16 Superintendent Search Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor Joe R. Gant has served Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for  
18 over fifty years, and he has dedicated more than sixty years as a gospel minister; he is most  
19 deserving of the highest recognition for committing his life to the service of others.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., for more than six

1 decades of preaching the Gospel and does hereby express enduring appreciation for his many  
2 contributions to the city of Shreveport and Caddo Parish.

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