

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 380

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Reverend NaJee Johnson.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing of Reverend NaJee Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Kirk DeGruy, Sr., and Elizabeth Johnson-Lomax; he was the proud husband of Yeshia White-Johnson, father of Layla Campbell, Christian Campbell, and NaKanda Akili Johnson, and brother of Jawanza Hampton, Nikki Lomax-Woods, Lejardin Washington-Daniels, NaKiva Cook-Hoston, Jessica DeGruy, Dustin DeGruy, and Kirk DeGruy, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was educated in the Orleans Parish school system, and after graduating high school, he enrolled at Southern University; he transferred to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and studied at Union Baptist Bible College, F. H. Dunn Bible College, and Newburgh Theological Seminary and College of the Bible; he held a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in theology; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson accepted the call to ministry in April 1996; he preached his first sermon on August 30, 1997, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend John C. Raphael, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson served his first pastoral assignment at The Oak Grove Baptist Church, and he was inspired to organize City of Light Baptist Cathedral; he was called to pastor Starlight Baptist Church of Ringgold in February 2020; he was elected to serve as the new senior pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Winnfield on August 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral duties, Reverend Johnson served as the police chief of the village of Hall Summit; and

WHEREAS, Reverend NaJee Johnson will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his service and ministry shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Reverend NaJee Johnson and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES