

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion of its 154th Anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the
3 occasion and celebration of its 154th Anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, originally named the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America,
5 Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest African American church in
6 Lafayette and began when free blacks found hope and meaning in the gospel preached by
7 former slave owners and started worshiping throughout the town of Vermilion, now
8 Lafayette, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, on May 3, 1872, Governor Alexander Mouton granted a plot of ground
10 known as Lot Number 235 on the old Corporation of Vermilionville to the congregation of
11 the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America for "a church, parsonage or public
12 school house" to aid in the promotion and morality among the black population of the parish;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, a small group of free blacks erected a small frame building for worship
15 services which, despite the adversities of the 1880's and 1890's, grew and prospered, many
16 times being noted for its role providing education and other needed support systems for the
17 black citizens in the community; and

18 WHEREAS, beginning its spiritual journey in a tent, the congregation, guided by

1 faith and determination, through God's grace and hard work, the church was rebuilt in 1954
2 and located at 604 Lee Avenue, its current location, and the name "Colored" was officially
3 changed in 1956 to "Christian" and the church became known as "Trinity Christian
4 Methodist Episcopal Church", which today continues to be a special place in the lives of its
5 congregation; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Trinity Christian
7 Methodist Episcopal Church has become a beacon of hope and spiritual guidance within the
8 Lafayette community, providing leadership and compassion through numerous outreach
9 ministries that serve the needs of the people and is blessed with leadership by a number of
10 exceptional bishops, presiding elders, musicians, lay leaders, and faithful members; and

11 WHEREAS, Trinity is committed to service through meaningful programs that
12 include music ministry, participation in the downtown ministerial alliance, ministries
13 supporting the homeless and senior citizens, and outreach efforts to assist the poor and
14 underserved through its guiding motto, "We walk by faith, and not by sight", which reflects
15 the steadfast faith that has sustained the congregation through generations of worship,
16 service, and fellowship; and

17 WHEREAS, in June 2013, Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr. made history in assigning
18 Reverend Maggie C. Banks as the first woman pastor of Trinity Christian Methodist
19 Episcopal Church, and under her dedicated leadership, Trinity continues its mission of
20 spiritual growth, service, and community engagement, building upon the strong foundation
21 laid by generations of faithful members over the past one hundred fifty-four years; and

22 WHEREAS, the theme for the 154th Anniversary celebration, inspired by Philippians
23 1:3, "I thank my God for Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church: A Look in Two
24 Directions", reflects both gratitude for the church's rich history and faith in its promising
25 future.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby commend and congratulate Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of
28 Lafayette, Louisiana, on the occasion and celebration of its 154th Anniversary, recognizing
29 its historic contributions, spiritual leadership, and unwavering commitment to faith and
30 community service.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the Reverend Maggie C. Banks.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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