

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery upon his retirement as senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Bossier City after thirty years of dedicated service and to recognize Sunday, June 2, 2013, as Dr. Fred Lowery Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery upon his retirement after thirty years of dedicated  
3 leadership as pastor of First Baptist Church in Bossier City and to recognize Sunday,  
4 June 2, 2013, as Dr. Fred Lowery Day in the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Fred and Esther Lowery were pleased to welcome their newborn, Fred  
6 Lynn, to the family and to the world on March 16, 1943, in Montevallo, Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, the work of the Lord was begun early in Fred Lynn Lowery's life when,  
8 at the age of seventeen, he was called to pastor Bethel Baptist Church in Aiken, South  
9 Carolina; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1969, Dr. Lowery graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological  
11 Seminary and was a teaching fellow in Evangelism there for two years; and

12 WHEREAS, on June 2, 1974, Dr. Lowery married Lisabeth Leigh Jones, and two  
13 daughters and six grandchildren have resulted from this blessed union; and

14 WHEREAS, God led Dr. Lowery to First Baptist Church in Bossier in 1983, and he  
15 has effectively responded to his calling by providing unwavering, dedicated spiritual  
16 leadership to the First Baptist membership of more than seven thousand Christians; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Lowery has baptized and married multiple thousands, imparted the  
18 Word of God in more than five hundred churches, Bible conferences, revivals, and marriage  
19 conferences, served in presidential office in the Louisiana State Convention, Southern

1 Baptist Convention's Pastor's Conference, and as vice president of the Southern Baptist  
2 Convention; and

3 WHEREAS, "The First Word", a television ministry featuring Dr. Lowery, has been  
4 a top-rated Sunday program in the Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas tri-state area, is broadcast  
5 on DirectTV and SkyAngel, and is seen in more than fifteen million homes each week; and

6 WHEREAS, in addition to his commanding and persuasive talents in speaking, God  
7 has gifted Dr. Lowery in writing: he is the author of "Making the Bible Clear", "Starting  
8 Here—Starting Now", "Home Improvement 101", "Covenant Marriage: Staying Together For  
9 Life", and "Jogging Through the Bible"; and

10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the soul-filling spiritual fruit that has  
11 grown through the more than fifty years of ministry of Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery in all the  
12 places God has planted him.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery for thirty years as  
15 senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Bossier City upon the occasion of his retirement,  
16 does hereby recognize and record for posterity the positive influence he has exerted over the  
17 First Baptist flock, and does hereby extend to him best wishes and God's blessings as he  
18 begins the next phase of his life in Christ.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sunday, June 2, 2013, shall be recognized as  
20 Dr. Fred Lowery Day in the state of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
22 to Dr. Fred Lynn Lowery.

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#### DIGEST

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