

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR NEVERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Reverend Jerry Lynn Martin on thirty-five years of service as pastor at Ben's Ford Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana, upon the church's one hundred and fifth Homecoming Service in October, 2013.

WHEREAS, on August 13, 1978, Reverend Jerry Lynn Martin began serving as pastor of Ben's Ford Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, under Reverend Martin's guidance, Ben's Ford Christian School was established in 1983 in Bogalusa, and enrolled twenty students that first year; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, the school has provided Christian educational opportunities for thousands of children, with nearly five hundred students enrolling in the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, under Reverend Martin's thirty-five years of leadership, Ben's Ford Baptist Church has grown in membership and has built a new sanctuary, two new educational buildings and a fellowship hall; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Martin in 2010 led Ben's Ford Baptist Church to establish the Deep South Bible College, a post-secondary school devoted to offering two-year degrees in Bible Education and General Studies; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Martin has over the past thirty-five years led by example, proven himself a consistently faithful servant of the Lord, and provided exemplary leadership to his community, his parish and to the people of the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Reverend Jerry Lynn Martin upon thirty-five years of service as pastor of the Ben's Ford Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana, to be recognized at the church's one hundred and fifth Homecoming Service in October, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Reverend Jerry Lynn Martin.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE