

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran upon her installation as General Overseer of the Full Gospel Baptist Church

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran upon her installation as General Overseer of the Full
3 Gospel Baptist Church in Bossier City.

4 WHEREAS, Beryl Cowthran, was born to the late Pastor Athan Cowthran, Jr. and
5 Betty L. Cowthran, the youngest of three children; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran serves as the site pastor of Praise Temple Full Gospel
7 Baptist Church in Bossier City; and

8 WHEREAS, she is a summa cum laude graduate of Wiley College in Marshall,
9 Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout her collegiate career at Wiley College, Ms. Cowthran held
11 many leadership roles, including Miss Freshman, Basileus of the Phi Chapter of Alpha
12 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Pre-Alumni Counsel; and

13 WHEREAS, she also served as a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, and as peer
14 counselor and tutor, among many others; and

15 WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran holds a bachelor of science degree in cardiopulmonary
16 sciences from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - School of Allied Health
17 and a master of arts in industrial/organizational psychology from Louisiana Tech University;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran has served as an educator, speaker, and registered
20 respiratory therapist; and

1 WHEREAS, she is also the first African-American to serve as a registered diagnostic
2 cardiac sonographer for LSU HSC-Shreveport, now University Health; and

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran possesses in her heart a burning desire to see others
4 uplifted from despair through her passion and mission work; and

5 WHEREAS, she displayed this desire to help others when she recently traveled to
6 Jamaica and Haiti on mission trips; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Cowthran has spent her life preparing for the role of making
8 disciples and has served the Christian ministry in various capacities as the cofounder and
9 operator of ABC Consultants, executive assistant to Bishop L. Lawrence Brandon, chief
10 ministry officer for Praise Temple Family Church, and school board president and principal
11 for University Christian Preparatory School; and

12 WHEREAS, the scripture upon which Pastor Cowthran's uncompromising ministry
13 stands is Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all
14 that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"; and

15 WHEREAS, the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship community thrives as a
16 unified community of faith and fellowship, and Pastor Cowthran merits a special measure
17 of commendation for her exceptional leadership as her general overseership is
18 commemorated.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran upon her
21 installation as General Overseer for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, does hereby
22 commend her for her many years of service to the Gospel, and does hereby wish her many
23 more successful years in her ministry.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
25 to Pastor Beryl I. Cowthran.

DIGEST

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