

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 241

BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Dave Jones, Jr., and Macedonia Church of God in Christ on the occasion of the church's Founder's Day Celebration.

WHEREAS, Dave Jones, Jr., was born on January 11, 1929, in Vossburg, Mississippi; he was the oldest of twelve children born to Deacon Dave Jones, Sr., and Azaleane Carter Jones; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jones started his ministry in 1961 and named it Macedonia Church of God in Christ; his ministry's first house of worship was an apartment on France Street and North Roman Street in the lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans; in 1962, he moved his ministry to a theater on Dauphine Street, and in August 1963, he purchased a house at 3015 Louisa Street that became the final location of his church; and

WHEREAS, under Pastor Jones's leadership, Macedonia Church of God in Christ became a fruitful ministry in a house of worship that was built upon the Bible and the doctrine of the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jones became known as the "Little Man with Big Anointed Hands" around the Ninth Ward; he would walk the street corners around the Desire and Florida Housing Projects with a drum and Bible singing and preaching to all who would listen; because of his evangelizing efforts, Macedonia Church of God in Christ became a hot spot for prayer, soul searching, teaching, jubilee worship, and other ministries; it also serves as a clothing distribution center for the area's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, Macedonia Church of God in Christ has faced numerous challenges since Pastor Jones settled his ministry in the Ninth Ward, but it has endured through them all; the church was forced to rebuild after being totally destroyed during Hurricane Betsy in 1965 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005; in 2007, Pastor Jones and the members of the church undertook a \$1.2 million rebuilding project at 3015 Louisa Street; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dave Jones, Jr., possesses a truly inspiring degree of faith, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his founding of Macedonia Church of God in Christ and leadership of his church community for more than four decades.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Dave Jones, Jr., and Macedonia Church of God in Christ on the occasion of the church's Founder's Day Celebration and does hereby extend sincere wishes that Pastor Jones and the Macedonia Church of God in Christ community continue to prosper for many years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Naomi Farve, liaison to Macedonia Church of God in Christ.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES