

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 319

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Brady L. Blade, Sr., pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Shreveport, for his extraordinary achievement as the longest-serving pastor of the same church in Louisiana with sixty-four years of continuous leadership and service.

WHEREAS, since September 10, 1961, Dr. Brady L. Blade, Sr., has faithfully served as pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, leading his congregation with unwavering dedication, humility, and love; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable ministry, Dr. Blade has become not only a spiritual leader but also a pillar of the Shreveport community, offering guidance, comfort, and hope to generations of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blade has distinguished himself through a life of service that spans more than seven decades in ministry, with sixty-four of those years dedicated to a single congregation, a milestone unparalleled in the history of Louisiana's faith community; and

WHEREAS, research confirms that Dr. Blade holds the distinction of being Louisiana's longest-serving pastor at the same church, surpassing previous records, including that of the late Pastor J.D. Grey, who served First Baptist Church of New Orleans from 1937 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Zion Missionary Baptist Church has flourished as a center of faith, education, outreach, and community uplift, reflecting the enduring impact of his spiritual vision and pastoral care; and

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives take great pride in recognizing citizens whose contributions enrich the cultural and spiritual fabric of our state and inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor Dr. Brady L. Blade, Sr., whose lifetime of service represents an extraordinary legacy of faith, leadership, and love.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and recognize Dr. Brady L. Blade, Sr., for his historic sixty-four years of service as pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church and does hereby extend best wishes for continued health, happiness, and ministry.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES