

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173

BY SENATOR CLOUD

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Pastor Mike Wicker and First Lady Tara Wicker for their unwavering commitment to faith, family and life, and to recognize their impactful leadership through "My God Votes" and their efforts at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Pastor Mike Wicker and First Lady Tara Wicker are deeply committed leaders in the Christian community, having dedicated their lives to ministry, community transformation, and the sanctity of life; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Mike Wicker is the Apostle and Founding Pastor of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church, which he and his wife Tara founded in January 2014, following over twenty-five years of ministry that included service on the pastoral staff at Bethany World Prayer Center, where he played a critical role in post-disaster response and ministered to more than seventeen hundred Hurricane Katrina survivors; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Tara Wicker is equally devoted to ministry and public service, with a background in community revitalization, small business development, and neighborhood transformation, and currently serves as capitol coordinator for both My God Votes and Louisiana Right to Life; and

WHEREAS, together they serve as co-directors of Louisiana Black Advocates for Life (LABAL), where they lead initiatives such as the Black Dads for Life and Love Life Faith Initiative, and have launched numerous "Life Academies" aimed at transforming the whole person, the family, and urban communities through faith-based education and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Mike and First Lady Tara Wicker are at the forefront of the "My God Votes" movement, a nationwide effort aimed at activating the Christian community in civic engagement and the defense of biblical values, and they serve as key state leaders in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, they are now in their second year hosting weekly worship services in the Louisiana State Capitol, a historic and spiritually significant endeavor that aligns Louisiana with five other states currently holding regular Christian worship gatherings in their respective state capitols; and

WHEREAS, their faith-filled leadership has created a renewed spiritual atmosphere within the Louisiana State Capitol, offering weekly encouragement, prayer, and worship to lawmakers, staff, and the public, all while reinforcing the enduring role of faith in public life; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Mike and First Lady Tara Wicker's thirty-two years of marriage, six children, and growing legacy of ministry serve as a living testimony of faith, service, and family values in action.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Pastor Mike Wicker and First Lady Tara Wicker for their tremendous contributions to the state through their ministry, community development work, and leadership in the pro-life and civic faith movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor Mike and First Lady Tara Wicker as a token of gratitude for their lasting impact on Louisiana's spiritual and civic landscape.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE