

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 378

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Pastor Cleonies Odom, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 31, 2025, of Pastor Cleonies Odom, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Odom was born on April 16, 1944, in Ringgold, Louisiana; he became a licensed preacher on July 18, 1965, and began his spiritual education at Shreveport Bible College on July 4, 1971; he was a 1995 graduate of the World Wide Bible Broadcast and a 2001 graduate of the United Theological Seminary Bible College; he earned both a bachelor's degree and a doctorate in theology; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Odom was ordained at Jewell Street Baptist Church on November 25, 1971, under the leadership of Pastor M.L. Harris, and began serving as the church's pastor; he was deeply committed to his congregation, offering guidance, support, and inspiration to all who sought his counsel during his fifty-three-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Odom served as a past member of the Louisiana Section of the California-Louisiana Crusade for Christ, past moderator for the 13th District Association, and past decelerated supporter of the National Council for Negro Women, Inc; he was a 32nd Degree Mason of Eagle Lodge #133 Most Worshipful Universal Grand Lodge AF-AM, and he dedicated twenty years of service as a board member to the Caddo Community Action Agency; and

WHEREAS, August 4, 2007, was declared "Cleonies Odom Sr. Day" by a written proclamation during the tenure of Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Odom's greatest joy in life was his beloved wife, Rosie Mary Odom, and he was an exceptional husband, dad, and granddad; he was also a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Cleonies Odom, Sr., leaves to cherish his memory his wife of sixty-one years, Rosie Mary Odom; son, Reverend Cleonies Odom, Jr.; daughter, Casaundra Ann Kepney (Darrell); nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; niece, Lucretia Edwards (Byron); nephew, Ricardo Hunter; sister, Velma Louise Jackson; brothers, Willie Lee Odom and Charles Odom; an aunt; and a host of extended relatives and friends; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his loving life shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Pastor Cleonies Odom, Sr., and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful and loving life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES