



1           WHEREAS, Joe participated in the Army ROTC during his time at Southern; two  
2 years after his enrollment, he was drafted into the military and joined the Special Forces in  
3 the 82nd Airborne Division; he retired from the military after twenty-six years of active duty  
4 and reserve service; and

5           WHEREAS, Joe married his high school sweetheart, Josephine Reed Green, on  
6 October 1, 1962; their union was blessed with three children, and they built a family with  
7 values rooted in love and faith; and

8           WHEREAS, Joe accepted the call to ministry while serving as a deacon at Second  
9 Evening Star Baptist Church in Boyce, Louisiana, and delivered his first sermon to a  
10 congregation of over seven hundred people at the church on Sunday, January 31, 1982; the  
11 next week, he accepted the call to serve as pastor of St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church  
12 in Boyce and served there for one year; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Green began serving as pastor of St. Matthew Baptist Church in  
14 Rapides Parish in February 1983; he served the church for three decades, during which the  
15 congregation grew from fifty members to more than one thousand two hundred members;  
16 during his tenure he founded Rapides Station Community Ministries, Inc., and C&J Learning  
17 and Enrichment Center; he also supported the development of low-income housing for  
18 qualified first-time home buyers throughout Louisiana; and

19           WHEREAS, prior to serving as pastor St. Matthew Baptist Church, Dr. Green  
20 worked as a job recruiter and trainer for the United States Department of Labor, where he  
21 helped develop the Red River waterway; and

22           WHEREAS, Dr. Green's religious affiliations included the National Baptist  
23 Convention of America, Louisiana Home & Foreign Mission, Baptist State Convention,  
24 United Theological Seminary and Bible College, and United Educational Missionary Baptist  
25 Association; he also served as president of the Minister of Economic Development; and

26           WHEREAS, Dr. Joe S. Green is survived by his daughters, Janice Green Washington  
27 (Sam), Jacquelyn Green Harris, and Jennifer Green Williams (Darrell); grandchildren, Janeé  
28 Green, Javaris Cooper (Lauren), Morgan Cooper Harris (Micheal Jr.), Demetrius Jackson,  
29 Shundrial Jackson, Samantha Washington, Salisa Washington, and Evan Clark; great-  
30 grandchildren, Jayla Brown, Jaiden Veales, and Jamari Veales; sisters-in-law, Dorothy

1 Woodland, Willie Mae Powell, Roberta Brown (Odell), Susie Green, Evelyn Green, Brenda  
2 Allen, and Lillian Green; cousin, J.C. Green; and a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren,  
3 relatives, and friends; he will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his love and service shall  
4 live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known  
5 him.

6       THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 express heartfelt condolences on the death of Dr. Joe S. Green, "The Bayou Bishop"; does  
8 hereby extend enduring appreciation for his military service and service to Rapides Parish;  
9 and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort  
10 in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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