

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Pastor Neil J. Bernard on his legacy of pastoral leadership and community service to St. John the Baptist Parish

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Pastor Neil J. Bernard on his legacy of pastoral leadership and community  
3 service to St. John the Baptist Parish.

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Neil J. Bernard is a devoted leader and community advocate who  
5 was born in the vibrant city of New Orleans, Louisiana; after graduating from high school,  
6 he continued his education at Xavier University of New Orleans and Bethel Bible College,  
7 where he developed his skills in ministry and community service; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Bernard founded New Wine Christian Church in LaPlace,  
9 Louisiana, in 1995, and he has faithfully served as its pastor for over twenty-nine years;  
10 under his leadership, the church embraces a mission to renew lives, restore families, and  
11 rebuild communities; and

12 WHEREAS, New Wine Christian Church offers a range of programs, including after-  
13 school initiatives, summer camps, recreational activities, and financial assistance, which  
14 benefit numerous families in the area; and

15 WHEREAS, beyond his clerical role, Pastor Bernard serves as chairman of St. John  
16 the Baptist Parish Long-Term Recovery; he has played a critical role in assisting the  
17 community's recovery efforts following three major hurricanes and a tornado and  
18 demonstrated his unwavering commitment to the well-being of his neighbors; and

19 WHEREAS, Pastor Bernard also serves as chairman of the St. John Pastors Coalition  
20 and believes in the power of collaboration and teamwork to address the pressing needs of  
21 the community; and

1           WHEREAS, Pastor Bernard has traveled extensively and preached the Gospel in  
2 several nations overseas; his church supports nineteen missionaries who serve around the  
3 world; and

4           WHEREAS, Pastor Bernard has shared forty-one happy years of marriage with his  
5 wife, Angela, and they are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of seven  
6 grandchildren; and

7           WHEREAS, Pastor Neil J. Bernard embodies a commitment to service, faith, and  
8 community building, and he is deserving of recognition for his outstanding work.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Neil J. Bernard on his legacy of  
11 pastoral leadership and community service to St. John the Baptist Parish and does hereby  
12 extend sincere wishes that he remain prosperous in all of his endeavors.

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