

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES