

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 355

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Boise Kimber, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Boise Kimber, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Boise Kimber was elected to serve as the nineteenth president of
4 the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., on September 5, 2024; he is the distinguished
5 pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and New Hope
6 Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, President Kimber is married to Reverend Shevelle T. Kimber and is a
8 proud father and grandfather; he is a native of Phenix City, Alabama, and the son of the late
9 Milburn and Ruthie Kimber; and

10 WHEREAS, President Kimber holds a bachelor of arts in sociology from Johnson
11 C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; a master of religious education in religious
12 life and education from Hartford Seminary; a doctor of ministry from United Theological
13 Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; and a master of sacred theology from Yale University Divinity
14 School; and

15 WHEREAS, President Kimber is a prominent national faith leader, strategist,
16 community leader, and advocate for social justice and economic empowerment; he
17 seamlessly blends faith and activism and addresses the most pressing issues in society with
18 conviction and purpose; and

19 WHEREAS, President Kimber is widely respected for his ability to articulate
20 complex social issues with clarity, which has earned him recognition in the religious and

1 civic spheres; he embodies the power of faith-driven activism, and his lifelong commitment
2 to justice, equality, and empowerment serves as an inspiration to all; and

3 WHEREAS, President Kimber focuses his ministry on uplifting marginalized
4 communities, and he has devoted his life to guiding his congregation through spiritual,
5 social, and economic challenges; outside of his ministry, he extends his influence to create
6 pathways for justice, equality, and opportunity across communities; and

7 WHEREAS, President Kimber is a prominent civil rights advocate who has
8 spearheaded initiatives that tackle racial inequality, poverty, and educational disparities; he
9 emphasizes unity and collaboration and unites religious, civic, and governmental
10 organizations to address systemic challenges and create lasting change; and

11 WHEREAS, President Kimber mentors and passes on his knowledge and
12 commitment to social justice to the next generation of young clergy and emerging leaders;
13 his commitment to education and leadership development has left an indelible mark on the
14 faith community and ensured that his legacy of service will endure; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Boise Kimber has transformed countless lives and equipped
16 individuals to overcome adversity and reach their potential; he is deserving of recognition
17 for his outstanding work as president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Boise Kimber, president of the National
20 Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and does hereby express enduring appreciation for his
21 lifelong dedication to ministry, social justice, and community service.

DIGEST

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