

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 355

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, President Kimber is widely respected for his ability to articulate complex social issues with clarity, which has earned him recognition in the religious and civic spheres; he embodies the power of faith-driven activism, and his lifelong commitment to justice, equality, and empowerment serves as an inspiration to all; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES