

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 375

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Reverend Antwaun Richardson

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Reverend  
3 Antwaun Richardson.

4 WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of  
5 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 24, 2026,  
6 of the Reverend Antwaun Richardson; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Antwaun Richardson was born on May 12, 1988, and was  
8 native of Darlington, South Carolina; he was formally educated in the Darlington County  
9 School District and graduated from Lamar High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson earned a bachelor of arts degree in pastoral  
11 ministry and graduated with honors from Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina; he  
12 graduated with a master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New  
13 Jersey, in May 2017, and pursued a doctor of ministry degree at Payne Theological Seminary  
14 in Wilberforce, Ohio; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson received numerous awards and honors for his  
16 scholastic achievements; he was a Florence Darby Scholar, Presidential Scholar, O.R.  
17 Reuben Scholar, and cum laude graduate at Morris College; he received a Black Church  
18 Studies Certificate and the John Alan Swink Award and graduated cum laude from Princeton  
19 Theological Seminary; he was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated,  
20 and served as chaplain in the Lambda Rho Chapter in Waterbury, Connecticut; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2010, Reverend Richardson became a licensed gospel minister at the  
2 age of twenty-one, under the auspices of the Reverend Dr. E.B. Borroughs at Cherry Grove  
3 Missionary Baptist Church in Darlington, South Carolina; in 2016, he received rites of  
4 ordination under the leadership of Dr. J. Weldon Gilbert at St. John's Missionary Baptist  
5 Church in Lawton, Oklahoma; and

6           WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson served as a supply pastor for the Cadwalader-  
7 Asbury Church in Trenton, New Jersey; pastor intern at the St. John's Missionary Baptist  
8 Church in Lawton, Oklahoma; youth minister at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist of  
9 Darlington, South Carolina; assistant pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Hartford,  
10 Connecticut; and interim pastor at Zion Baptist Church in Waterbury, Connecticut; and

11           WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson was called to serve as pastor of Zion Baptist  
12 Church in October 2020, making him the sixth and youngest pastor in the church's storied  
13 one hundred-two-year history; in addition to his role as pastor, he served as the C.M.  
14 Cofield/T.E. Holmes Lecturer for the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention; and

15           WHEREAS, the Reverend Antwaun Richardson was an inspiring young minister  
16 who was called to his heavenly home at a very young age, and while he will be deeply  
17 missed, the legacy of his outstanding service and ministerial mission shall live on in the  
18 hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved him.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of the  
21 Reverend Antwaun Richardson and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family,  
22 friends, congregation, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful  
23 life.

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#### DIGEST

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Walters

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