

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. Harry Blake for his contributions to at-risk youth through the Canaan Boys Academy

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. Harry Blake for his contributions to at-risk youth through the Canaan Boys  
3 Academy in Shreveport, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Blake is a graduate of Bishop College in Dallas, Texas;  
5 served as a devoted pastor for the Mount Canaan Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana,  
6 for forty-eight years since 1966; currently holds the position as President Emeritus of the  
7 Louisiana Baptist State Convention; was appointed vice president for the Southwest Region  
8 of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., in 2009; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2010, Dr. Harry Blake was honored by receiving an Honorary  
10 Doctorate of Humanities from Louisiana Baptist University and the Louisiana Democratic  
11 Party's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Blake has notably held many honorable positions, such as  
13 general secretary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., moderator of the  
14 Thirteenth District Baptist Association, dean and vice president at large of the Congress of  
15 Christian Education of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention, and chairman of the  
16 Evangelical Board of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Blake has devoted his time to enhance his local community  
18 in Shreveport by being a member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board, serving as  
19 president of the board of directors of a low-income housing complex and a senior citizen and  
20 handicap housing complex, and serving as a member for a development corporation for the  
21 revitalization of the Allendale community; and

1           WHEREAS, other distinctive achievements of Dr. Harry Blake include serving as  
2 president of Project UpLift, a center for the development of human potential, serving on the  
3 board of directors for Shreveport Bossier Community Renewal, past president of the  
4 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, field secretary for Dr. Martin  
5 Luther King, Jr., and past president of Mount Canaan Day Care Center; and

6           WHEREAS, because of Dr. Harry Blake's numerous accomplishments, he has been  
7 a guest lecturer at many colleges throughout the United States, some of which include  
8 Morehouse School of Divinity, Arkansas Baptist College, American Baptist College, and  
9 Birmingham Bible College; and

10           WHEREAS, Mount Canaan Baptist Church was led by Dr. Blake in establishing a  
11 model prayer service that has been emulated throughout the nation; he has instituted  
12 ministries to serve all segments of the congregation and community, which include tutoring  
13 programs, children's and young adults' ministries, family ministry, and a prison ministry; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Harry Blake's vision to serve his community has contributed to the  
15 creation of the Canaan Boys Academy, which is an academic program at Mount Canaan  
16 Baptist Church that aims to advance education in young African American boys in third  
17 through fifth grade; and

18           WHEREAS, the Canaan Boys Academy seeks to improve the students' skills in  
19 reading, writing, and math.

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Harry Blake for his contributions to at-  
22 risk youth through the Canaan Boys Academy.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
24 to Dr. Harry Blake.

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#### DIGEST

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Commends Dr. Harry Blake for his contributions to at-risk youth at Canaan Boys Academy in Shreveport, La.