

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of pastor and civil rights activist  
Reverend Doctor Harry Blake

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of pastor and  
3 civil rights activist Reverend Doctor Harry Blake.

4 WHEREAS, during Reverend Blake's eighty-five eventful years on earth, he  
5 maintained that he planned the stages of his life; his journey took him from the cotton fields  
6 in northeast Louisiana to the mission fields in Shreveport; he spent four years planning civil  
7 rights protests with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and assisting Dr. King's staff; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Blake's work during the civil rights movement resulted in his  
9 being beaten to near the point of death and arrested; nonetheless, he continued his work,  
10 taking on pastoral responsibilities at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church in Shreveport, where he  
11 remained for fifty-two years, stepping down in 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, in midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Reverend Blake regrettably fell  
13 extremely ill with the novel coronavirus and ultimately took his final rest; Harry Blake was  
14 undeniably a driven man who worked to ensure basic civil liberties in the United States, and  
15 devoted a great portion of his time and efforts to his community as a pastor; he will be  
16 deeply missed by his family as well as those he served while pastor of Mt. Canaan Baptist  
17 Church.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences upon the death of pastor  
20 and civil rights activist Reverend Doctor Harry Blake and does hereby extend hopes and  
21 wishes that the family and friends of Harry Blake may find comfort in his memory.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
2 family of Reverend Doctor Harry Blake.

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Expresses condolences upon the death of civil rights activist and pastor, Reverend Doctor Harry Blake.