

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATORS BARROW, FIELDS, FOIL AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES
ADAMS, CARPENTER, EDMONDS, FREIBERG, HODGES, JAMES
AND MARCELLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade for her contributions to the interfaith community on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, she is a pastor and ordained minister in, and a writer and resource developer for, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, which cultivates unity, justice, and peace:

(1) Continued the legacy, begun in 1987, of the Holy Grill Feeding program which serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in North Baton Rouge, even during the pandemic of 2020;

(2) Commissioned in 2013 with composer, Robert Kyr, a choral work, *Waging Peace*, using the words of Baton Rouge residents about violence which had a world premiere with a one-hundred-voice choir in Baton Rouge, and later performed at the Louisiana State Capitol for World Peace Day;

(3) Gathered the interfaith community together for prayer and conversation at the Annual Prayer Breakfast;

(4) Promoted finding common ground, such as through music at the Annual Sounds of CommUNITY concert, a thirty-year tradition;

(5) Coordinated and mobilized volunteer groups who responded after disasters as

well as worked with Homeland Security to prepare houses of worship for disaster through preparedness training;

(6) Promoted dialogue, including providing educational tools such as "More than Kumbaya", a video series with local black Baton Rouge leaders, created in response to the killing of George Floyd, and much more; and

WHEREAS, she has been Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Canal Fulton, Ohio, (1989-1997) and Galilean Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, Texas, (1997-2003); and

WHEREAS, Reverend McCullough-Bade previously served as interim pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church, in Lafayette, Louisiana, (2003-2004) and at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, (2005-2007), St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, (2012-2013), and St. Augustine Episcopal Church (2012-2014), all in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, she coauthored with her late husband, Reverend John M. Bade, *Daily Faith Practice*, 150+ online Bible Studies, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) website (based on the second lessons in the three-year common lectionary), *Daily Discipleship*, 150+ online Bible Studies, ELCA website (based on the gospel reading in the three-year common lectionary), and *Our Mission: Discovering God's Call to Us* (Augsburg-Fortress Press); and

WHEREAS, she served as a post-Katrina mission consultant to ELCA congregations in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, Reverend McCullough-Bade has been an integral member of the Louisiana World Peace Day Committee and has coordinated and carried out interfaith activities as part of the World Peace Day celebration at the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McCullough's contributions and compassion are embodied in the song by David Haas, "We Are Called": "We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly, We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God."; and

WHEREAS, her core beliefs are expressed thusly: "I really believe faith communities want to do good," and "They want to have compassionate love. We share that common denominator of the love of our neighbor and how we can help the person that's in need. I think there's a lot of ways we can do this."; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the contributions of Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade for her outstanding leadership in bringing faith communities together in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, she is a servant of God committed to the betterment of mankind with a deep respect and profound love of all and is an effective communicator of the ideals of understanding, tolerance, peace, and brotherhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade for outstanding contributions made on behalf of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge for the citizens of Baton Rouge and the state on the occasion of her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade for many jobs well done and wish her continued success as she contemplates and engages in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Reverend Robin McCullough-Bade.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES