

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 376

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., for more than six decades of preaching the Gospel.

WHEREAS, Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., is the first African American to graduate from Louisiana State University at Shreveport; he was installed as pastor of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gant preached the first sermon at the 1976 National Baptist Convention of America (NBCA) in Detroit, Michigan; he served as the moderator of the Mt. Hermon District Association in 1979 and began his radio ministry in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gant hosted the first NBCA Congress and Youth Convention; he served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gant has served as president of the Baptist Missionary and Educational State Convention of Louisiana; he served fourteen years over three terms with the Shreveport Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gant served as co-chairman of the Caddo Parish School Board Superintendent Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Joe R. Gant has served Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty years, and he has dedicated more than sixty years as a gospel minister; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for committing his life to the service of others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Joe R. Gant, Jr., for more than six decades of preaching the Gospel and does hereby express enduring appreciation for his many contributions to the city of Shreveport and Caddo Parish.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES