

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 380

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Reverend NaJee Johnson

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Reverend
3 NaJee Johnson.

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 of Reverend
6 NaJee Johnson; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Kirk
8 DeGruy, Sr., and Elizabeth Johnson-Lomax; he was the proud husband of Yeshia White-
9 Johnson, father of Layla Campbell, Christian Campbell, and NaKanda Akili Johnson, and
10 brother of Jawanza Hampton, Nikki Lomax-Woods, Lejardin Washington-Daniels, NaKiva
11 Cook-Hoston, Jessica DeGruy, Dustin DeGruy, and Kirk DeGruy, Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was educated in the Orleans Parish school system,
13 and after graduating high school, he enrolled at Southern University; he transferred to New
14 Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and studied at Union Baptist Bible College, F. H.
15 Dunn Bible College, and Newburgh Theological Seminary and College of the Bible; he held
16 a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in theology; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson accepted the call to ministry in April 1996; he
18 preached his first sermon on August 30, 1997, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church,
19 under the leadership of Reverend John C. Raphael, Jr.; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson served his first pastoral assignment at The Oak
21 Grove Baptist Church, and he was inspired to organize City of Light Baptist Cathedral; he

1 was called to pastor Starlight Baptist Church of Ringgold in February 2020; he was elected
2 to serve as the new senior pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Winnfield on August 6,
3 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral duties, Reverend Johnson served as the police
5 chief of the village of Hall Summit; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend NaJee Johnson will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his
7 service and ministry shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to
8 have known him.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Reverend
11 NaJee Johnson and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved
12 ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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