

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 375

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Reverend Antwaun Richardson.

WHEREAS, it is with immense sadness and profound regret that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the passing, on May 24, 2026, of the Reverend Antwaun Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Antwaun Richardson was born on May 12, 1988, and was native of Darlington, South Carolina; he was formally educated in the Darlington County School District and graduated from Lamar High School; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson earned a bachelor of arts degree in pastoral ministry and graduated with honors from Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina; he graduated with a master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, in May 2017, and pursued a doctor of ministry degree at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson received numerous awards and honors for his scholastic achievements; he was a Florence Darby Scholar, Presidential Scholar, O.R. Reuben Scholar, and cum laude graduate at Morris College; he received a Black Church Studies Certificate and the John Alan Swink Award and graduated cum laude from Princeton Theological Seminary; he was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and served as chaplain in the Lambda Rho Chapter in Waterbury, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Reverend Richardson became a licensed gospel minister at the age of twenty-one, under the auspices of the Reverend Dr. E.B. Borroughs at Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Darlington, South Carolina; in 2016, he received rites of ordination under the leadership of Dr. J. Weldon Gilbert at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson served as a supply pastor for the Cadwalader-Asbury Church in Trenton, New Jersey; pastor intern at the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma; youth minister at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist of Darlington, South Carolina; assistant pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Hartford, Connecticut; and interim pastor at Zion Baptist Church in Waterbury, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Richardson was called to serve as pastor of Zion Baptist Church in October 2020, making him the sixth and youngest pastor in the church's storied one hundred-two-year history; in addition to his role as pastor, he served as the C.M. Cofield/T.E. Holmes Lecturer for the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Antwaun Richardson was an inspiring young minister who was called to his heavenly home at a very young age, and while he will be deeply missed, the legacy of his outstanding service and ministerial mission shall live on in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of the Reverend Antwaun Richardson and does hereby extend sincere wishes that his family, friends, congregation, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES