

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR GRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr., upon his many years of service and leadership to his community.

WHEREAS, Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr., was born on October 16, 1950, as one of six children and graduated from Coleman High School as an honor student; and

WHEREAS, he obtained his undergraduate degree from Mississippi Valley State University and Doctorate of Divinity from Union Baptist Theological College Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr., was elected as pastor November 5, 1999; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving husband of Diana Brent Smith and proud father of two children; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr., was committed to serving the community through his roles as Personnel Director for the Louisiana Superdome, Program Director of the Louisiana State Department of Education, Personnel Director of the New Orleans Health Corporation, Administrative Manager of Delgado Community College, and Deputy Insurance Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, he continues as an advocate for the youth in our community as the First Vice President of the Ideal Missionary and Educational Association and in 2004 his vision for a youth center opened its doors as the Israelite Baptist Church Community Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr., has been involved actively in the Sons of Blood 'n Thunder, Men of Honor Male Chorus, Women of Wisdom Ministry, Crusaders' Outreach, New Members' Ministry, Knight of Israelite Basketball Team, Church Nurse Program Media Ministry, Liturgical Ministry, Women of Wisdom Exercise Ministry, Joshua Nation, Voices of Wisdom Women's Choir, Hospitality Ministry, IBC After School Tutorial Camp and Computer Lab; and

WHEREAS, his leadership was highlighted in the 2006 Ebony magazine for opening up the doors of his church to other churches who were rebuilding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Smith's strength and commitment to the various ministries that have been established under his administration have led to the vitality and richness of the church and mission of the community he serves.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr., upon his years of service and leadership to his community and for the Pastor Anniversary Celebration to be held April 6, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Pastor Emanuel Smith, Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE