

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY SENATOR CROWE AND REPRESENTATIVES CROMER AND PEARSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Pastor Emeritus Dr. Hoyte Nelson on his fortieth anniversary of ministry at  
First Baptist Church of Slidell.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the  
fortieth anniversary of the ministry of Pastor Emeritus Dr. Hoyte Nelson of First Baptist  
Church of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, Hoyte Elijah Nelson was born on July 4, 1922, in Jayess, Mississippi,  
to Robert Vinson Nelson and Sophia Ola Rutland Nelson; and

WHEREAS, at age seventeen he joined the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corp.) and  
then went on to serve his state and his country joining the Air Force being stationed in  
Iceland during WWII; and

WHEREAS, God and family are of utmost importance to him in his life; he married  
the love of his life Jean Wallace on June 26, 1942, and through their sixty-six year union  
they were blessed with five wonderful children, Sherrill, Jan, Dickie, Debbie, and Mona, ten  
incredible grandchildren, eleven cherished great-grand children and are eagerly awaiting the  
arrival of their first great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, upon Hoyte Nelson's return from the Air Force he began farming until  
he was called to the ministry and began preaching in 1951; and

WHEREAS, he was called to New Hope Baptist Church in Jayess, Mississippi;  
moved in 1952 to Rock Branch Baptist Church in Union, Mississippi; went on to Bethel  
Baptist Church in Monticello, Mississippi in 1953; moved to Carmel Baptist Church in  
Monticello, Mississippi in 1955; and was called to New Palestine Baptist Church in  
Picayune, Mississippi in 1957; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 he graduated from William Carey College in Hattiesburg,  
Mississippi, and he later received his Doctorate from the Universal Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 he left Mississippi and moved the family to Narco Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, and in 1968 he moved the family to Louisiana and to First Baptist Church of Slidell where he remains today; and

WHEREAS, the original building for First Baptist in Olde Town Slidell burned and later land was donated as a site to build what is now the existing First Baptist Church of Slidell; and

WHEREAS, he saw the building of the New Church to its fruition and when the sanctuary was completed, he preached his first sermon in the new sanctuary and his last sermon before he retired on December 31, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Emeritus Dr. Hoyte Nelson of First Baptist Church of Slidell has enriched and graced the hearts and souls of many during his service to the church where he is often found "working the room" and teaching a prayer ministry; and

WHEREAS, the members of the congregation of First Baptist Church of Slidell are truly blessed to know Pastor Emeritus Dr. Hoyte Nelson and to belong to such an enduring, and committed church; and

WHEREAS, Brother Nelson of First Baptist Church of Slidell is an inspiration not only to its members, but also to the entire Slidell community, and this historic anniversary is a joyous occasion that merits sincere congratulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and congratulate Pastor Emeritus Dr. Hoyte Nelson as he celebrates his fortieth anniversary of ministry at First Baptist Church of Slidell, and does express sincere appreciation for the highly significant achievements and contributions he has made to its members, and does extend its best wishes to the entire church family and especially Brother Nelson on this memorable occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Pastor Emeritus Dr. Hoyte Nelson of First Baptist Church of Slidell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES