

By: Senator L. Chesterfield

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING EVELYN SIMS-COLEY UPON HER RETIREMENT
FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, on May 31, 2024, Evelyn Sims-Coley retired from First Baptist Church in North Little Rock, after serving eighteen (18) years as the church secretary and handling many other church needs over the last fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley took over her role as church secretary from her dear friend, Kathy Baker; and

WHEREAS, prior to her work at First Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Mrs. Sims-Coley worked at USable Life as an eligibility specialist for fifteen (15) years and part-time at Baptist Health Medical Center as a patient representative in the emergency room for seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley is married to Thomas Coley, having recently celebrated twelve (12) years of marriage, and has two (2) children, Melvin (Christa) of Wylie, Texas, and Mercedes Sims of Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley also has two (2) grandchildren, Destiny and Amarri; and



WHEREAS, upon her retirement, Mrs. Sims-Coley intends to remain active in the church by cooking, cleaning, and assisting wherever she is needed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley also intends to travel with her best friends, Sharon Porter, Regina Carr, and Kathy Brock, all classmates from the Little Rock Central High School class of 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley intends to spend time working in her yard with her husband, attending Bible study fellowship, and catering part-time; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley and her husband plan to celebrate her retirement by enjoying a week-long vacation in Kentucky, visiting the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum, and by assisting with the First Baptist Church Couples in Christ Marriage Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sims-Coley stated "My favorite scripture, and I am trusting and believing God to bring this to life, is Job 8:7. 'And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.' I believe the Word. I stand on it. God said it; it will come to pass",

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate:

- (1) Commend Evelyn Sims-Coley on her fifty (50) years of service to First Baptist Church in North Little Rock;
- (2) Thank her for her contributions to her community; and
- (3) Wish her all the best in her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon adoption, the Secretary of the Senate shall provide a copy of this resolution to Evelyn Sims-Coley.