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H.R. No. 1147

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist
2 Church in Houston are joining together on April 30, 2023, to honor
3 Pastor David L. Smith for 31 years of dedicated service to that
4 congregation; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Houstonian, David Smith enjoyed a rewarding
6 career with the city's Department of Public Works and Engineering
7 that spanned more than three decades before his retirement; he has
8 given generously of his time and talents to numerous civic
9 organizations, including his service as president of the Houston
10 Northeast Community Development Corporation and as a board member
11 of the Aldine Education Foundation; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Smith was a longtime member of New Bethlehem
13 Missionary Baptist Church, and he first answered the call to the
14 ministry at Truevine Missionary Baptist Church in 1985; on April
15 26, 1992, he returned to New Bethlehem as the congregation's fifth
16 pastor, and under his able leadership, the church has experienced
17 significant growth and established a number of programs to serve
18 the community, including a food pantry, a tape ministry, and a
19 mission ministry; a graduate of the College of Biblical Studies, he
20 has also attended the Southern Reformed College and Seminary; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Pastor Smith enjoys the love
22 and support of his wife, Linda, and he takes great pride in his
23 daughters, Tamara, Crystal, and Jessica, as well as his
24 grandchildren, Jayla, Tamia, Chandler, and King; and

1 WHEREAS, David Smith has served New Bethlehem Missionary
2 Baptist Church with conviction and compassion, and he has earned
3 the lasting respect and admiration of his congregants as well as
4 members of the greater community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Pastor David L. Smith on his outstanding
7 31-year tenure with New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and
8 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his
9 important work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Pastor Smith as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.