

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 76

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor James Raynard Miller of Houston has long
2 worked for the betterment of his church and community, and it is
3 indeed appropriate that he should be honored for his many
4 contributions as a minister and civic leader at a special service on
5 October 5, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of
7 Moody High School and attended Del Mar College for a year before
8 enrolling at Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he majored in
9 religion from 1978 to 1982; in addition, he completed a summer
10 internship in religion at Harvard Divinity School; and

11 WHEREAS, Called to the gospel ministry at the tender age of
12 six, this faith-filled gentleman has been preaching for 37 years;
13 he served as assistant to the pastor of St. John Baptist Church in
14 Corpus Christi before beginning a 17-year pastoral tenure at
15 Friendship Baptist Church; since August 2000, he has guided the
16 membership of First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Houston;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The wisdom and counsel of Pastor Miller have
19 benefited numerous professional and community organizations,
20 including the American Baptist Western District Congress, of which
21 he is president, and the Corpus Christi Human Relations Commission,
22 which he served as a member; Pastor Miller serves on the evangelism
23 board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., and is
24 executive secretary of the American Baptist Western District

1 Association; he also has been affiliated with the Sonshine Gospel
2 Hour, the Feed the People ministry, and several citywide seminars;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, This devoted family man enjoys the love and support
5 of his wife, Sonja Perry Winchester Miller, and their five
6 children; and

7 WHEREAS, In serving his church and his community, Pastor
8 Miller has provided an inspiring role model of faith, integrity,
9 and compassion, and he is most deserving of the profound esteem in
10 which he is held; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Pastor James
13 Raynard Miller for his dedicated service to First Shiloh Missionary
14 Baptist Church and extend to him heartfelt best wishes for
15 continued success and fulfillment; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Pastor Miller as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.