

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The congregation of Antioch Missionary Baptist
2 Church in San Antonio is hosting events throughout the month of
3 August 2003 to commemorate the 10th pastoral anniversary of the
4 Reverend Dr. E. Thurman Walker; and

5 WHEREAS, Since Dr. Walker assumed the pastorate, Antioch
6 Missionary Baptist Church has flourished, and today it is home to
7 one of the largest African American congregations in the region;
8 its budget has tripled, and its ministries now include a Christian
9 academy and a senior care facility, with a family life education
10 community center to be funded by a \$5 million capital campaign that
11 is currently underway; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker's warm, down-to-earth manner contributes
13 to the "small church" atmosphere for the close-knit membership of
14 3,000-plus individuals under his spiritual leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, Also ministering beyond the walls of his church, he
16 founded Youth United Against Drugs and Gangs and the Community of
17 Churches for Social Change, an interdenominational group focused on
18 underrepresented community members; he works in behalf of the
19 mayor's Crime Task Force, serves as honorary chairman of the
20 Black/Jewish Dialogue Group, and chairs the city's Martin Luther
21 King Commission; in recognition of his contributions, he has been
22 accorded numerous honors, including being named an Outstanding
23 Texan in the category of religion by the Texas Legislative Black
24 Caucus; and

1 WHEREAS, This beloved man of faith has been a blessing in the
2 lives of countless people during his years of dedicated service to
3 the church, and he continues to offer strength and comfort to those
4 who seek his assistance; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby join his family, friends,
7 and congregation in paying tribute to Dr. E. Thurman Walker on his
8 10th anniversary as pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and
9 extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

McClendon

H.R. No. 178

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 178 was adopted by the House on August 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House