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H.R. No. 178

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.