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H.R. No. 11

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 50 years the Reverend Byrd Lacey, Jr., of  
2 Houston has faithfully served the religious community of Texas, and  
3 his record of excellence is truly worthy of special recognition;  
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5           WHEREAS, One of 12 children born to Byrd Lacey, Sr., and  
6 Elizabeth Swearingin Lacey in Chapel Hill, Reverend Lacey graduated  
7 from C. H. Hogan High School and received his first religious  
8 training at his home congregation, Providence Missionary Baptist  
9 Church; ordained as a minister in 1958 at Mt. Carmel Missionary  
10 Baptist Church, this respected gentleman earned a degree in  
11 theology from Union Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctorate in  
12 divinity studies from the Inter-Baptist Theological Center; and

13           WHEREAS, Reverend Lacey has devoted himself to an array of  
14 Lone Star congregations throughout his exemplary five-decade  
15 tenure as a minister, including churches in Houston, El Campo,  
16 Conroe, and Huntsville; for the past 20 years, he has led Houston's  
17 Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, serving with great  
18 distinction; and

19           WHEREAS, Presently officiating under Moderator M. L. Jackson  
20 as dean of the South Texas District Missionary Baptist Association  
21 and a former keynote speaker at the National Baptist Missionary  
22 Association of America, Reverend Lacey has received a host of  
23 accolades including his current church's Humanitarian and  
24 Leadership Award; in addition, he was recognized as a leader in

1 Christian education by the National Baptist Sunday Church School  
2 and Baptist Training Union of the National Baptist Publishing  
3 Board, acknowledged for his community service by the National Women  
4 of Achievement, and honored as one of Houston's outstanding  
5 ministers by the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, Not only has Reverend Lacey proven to be a pillar of  
7 his community, but he is also a dedicated family man; married to the  
8 former Marilyn Fields, the pair have four children and nine  
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Reverend  
11 Lacey has encouraged and brought hope to many; his guidance and  
12 faith have long been a shining light in the community and have  
13 served as an inspiration for countless individuals; now, therefore,  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
16 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor the Reverend Byrd  
17 Lacey, Jr., for his half-century of religious service and extend to  
18 him sincere best wishes for continued success and fulfillment; and,  
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Reverend Lacey as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.