

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The May 2, 2004, retirement of Charles Edwin
2 "Charlie" Elliott as minister of activities at First Baptist Church
3 (FBC) in Midland brings to a close an outstanding career at this
4 West Texas church; and

5 WHEREAS, After attending Hardin-Simmons University, which
6 named him a Distinguished Alumnus in 2000, Reverend Elliott
7 received a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern
8 Baptist Theological Seminary in 1967; that same year, he joined FBC
9 as its minister of youth and recreation, and 10 years later he was
10 named minister of activities for all ages; and

11 WHEREAS, The activities ministry provides an array of
12 Christian recreation activities for members of FBC and the wider
13 community, including women's aerobics, health and nutrition
14 programs, roller skating, and youth lock-ins for FBC and other
15 groups; a recent addition is the Solid Rock Café, a diner that
16 serves lunch five days a week; and

17 WHEREAS, The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) senior ministry
18 provides monthly nondenominational lunches with entertainment,
19 while the popular senior adult Christian conferences, or
20 Chautauquas, that Reverend Elliott helped promote involve
21 international travel each year; a day camp for children blossomed
22 into a thriving ministry for the ranches and small churches of West
23 Texas, and a mission to San Vicente in Coahuila, Mexico, grew to
24 include 14 villages that were ministered to by Midland's Hispanic

1 churches; and

2 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Reverend Elliott and his wife,
3 Becky, are the proud parents of three sons, and they delight in
4 their seven grandchildren; they are anticipating new adventures
5 after retiring to their home in Brady; and

6 WHEREAS, Charlie Elliott has been a blessing in the lives of
7 countless people during his tenure with First Baptist Church in
8 Midland, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring him at this time;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Charles Edwin
12 "Charlie" Elliott on his exceptional ministry with First Baptist
13 Church in Midland and extend to him sincere wishes for a happy and
14 rewarding retirement; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 81

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 81 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House