

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend R. L. Gray of Paris is marking half a
2 century of dedicated service in the ministry in 2004, and he indeed
3 merits special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 28, 1926, in Lamar County, Reverend
5 Gray is the son and grandson of preachers, and later, two of his
6 sons would also enter the profession; and

7 WHEREAS, He delivered his first sermon at a young age, and in
8 1954, Reverend Gray began full-time ministry work; in addition to
9 his many responsibilities as pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church
10 over the course of the last 12 years, this esteemed clergyman and
11 community leader also serves his colleagues as president of the
12 Lamar County Ministerial Alliance and the Ministers Conference Zion
13 District Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Gray married Rosemary Crittenden in 1944,
15 and the couple enjoyed a rewarding relationship until her passing;
16 today, he is the beloved patriarch of a close-knit family that
17 includes 12 children; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Reverend R. L. Gray has
19 diligently served his fellowman with compassion and dedication, and
20 it is a pleasure to join in honoring him on this milestone in his
21 life; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Reverend R. L. Gray be heartily
23 congratulated on the joyous occasion of his 50th anniversary in the
24 ministry and that he be extended sincere wishes for continued

1 success and fulfillment; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Reverend Gray as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 304

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 304 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House