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H.R. No. 148

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. E. Thurman Walker of San Antonio
2 has been honored as an Outstanding Texan in the category of religion
3 by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, The Outstanding Texan Award was created to honor
5 individuals who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to
6 improving, developing, and enriching the lives of others; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker is an alumnus of Colorado College, where
8 he received a bachelor's degree in accounting; he earned a master of
9 divinity degree at ITC/Morehouse School of Religion and a doctor of
10 ministry degree at United Theological Seminary; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker is only the third pastor to guide Antioch
12 Missionary Baptist Church since its congregation was organized 65
13 years ago; under his dynamic leadership, church membership has
14 grown to approximately 3,000 individuals and the church budget has
15 tripled; moreover, ministries now include a Christian academy and a
16 senior care facility, and a \$5 million capital campaign is underway
17 to fund a family life education community center; and

18 WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman is highly respected
19 for his contributions as a community leader as well; he founded
20 Youth United Against Drugs and Gangs and the Community of Churches
21 for Social Action, which advocates particularly in behalf of
22 underrepresented community members; his civic involvement has also
23 included chairing the city's Martin Luther King Commission, serving
24 as honorary chair of the Black/Jewish Dialogue group, and working

1 with the mayor's Crime Task Force; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Walker enjoys the support
3 of his family, including his devoted wife, Jo Angelia, and their
4 children, T. J. and Kimberly; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker has enhanced the quality of life in San
6 Antonio in countless ways, and his eminent service is a source of
7 inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Dr. E. Thurman Walker
10 on his receipt of an Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas
11 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to him heartfelt best wishes
12 for continued success and fulfillment; and, be it further

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

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