

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Claytle Odessa Searcy is serving as Pastor of
2 the Day for the Texas House of Representatives, and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to this notable
4 woman; and

5 WHEREAS, Raised in poverty, Dr. Searcy completed her high
6 school education in night school while working a 10-hour day;
7 undaunted by hard work and financial sacrifice, she attended Wiley
8 College, later transferring to Bishop College in Marshall, where
9 she received her bachelor's degree; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Searcy went on to earn a master of arts degree
11 from The University of Texas at Austin and after further study at
12 Southern Methodist University and East Texas State University, she
13 became a certified counselor and received a doctorate in religion;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, With a calling for children's ministry, she used a
16 \$25 donation to establish Searcy's Youth Foundation, which has
17 enabled Dr. Searcy to provide educational, moral, and spiritual
18 guidance to thousands of youths; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, she serves as senior minister of the House of
20 Love Church, an institution organized and operated by Dr. Searcy,
21 and she continues to spread a message of love, hope, and salvation;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This woman of extraordinary perseverance has
24 overcome every obstacle placed before her; like the congregants of

1 the House of Love, who have found in Dr. Searcy a minister of strong
2 faith and wise leadership, the members of this chamber are indeed
3 fortunate to have a preacher of such determination present to join
4 us in our work today; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby express its sincere appreciation to Dr. Claytle
7 Odessa Searcy for her service as Pastor of the Day and extend to her
8 warm best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in her
9 ministry; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Dr. Searcy as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.

Jones of Dallas
Davis of Dallas
Giddings
Hodge

H.R. No. 373

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 373 was adopted by the House on March 11, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House