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H.R. No. 373

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.