

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 1186

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 45 years, the Reverend M. L. Jackson has been the
2 spiritual leader of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Houston,
3 and he is to be commended for his many years of inspirational
4 service with this venerable institution; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson and his wife, Clara Belle Bennett
6 Jackson, have long fostered faith and fellowship among the
7 worshipers at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, providing
8 visionary leadership and moral direction for their fellow
9 congregants; and

10 WHEREAS, A man of generosity and integrity, Reverend Jackson
11 has held numerous leadership roles during nearly five decades as
12 pastor; he has served as moderator of the South Texas District
13 Association for 15 years and is a member of the National Baptist
14 Publishing Board; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, this notable gentleman is vice
16 president of the Baptist Ministers' Association of Houston and
17 Vicinity and is chairman of the Churches and Public Affairs of the
18 District Task Force; he has also served as director of the Houston
19 Area State Ushers and Nurses and is a highly regarded lecturer; and

20 WHEREAS, The congregants of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist
21 Church are truly blessed and privileged to worship with Reverend
22 and Mrs. Jackson, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to this
23 remarkable couple and to offer best wishes to the congregation for a
24 joyous and memorable anniversary celebration; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the Reverend M. L. Jackson and Clara Belle
3 Bennett Jackson on the occasion of his 45th anniversary as pastor of
4 Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and commend them for their many
5 years of outstanding service to their church and community; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Dr. and Mrs. Jackson as an expression of high regard by
9 the Texas House of Representatives.