By: Giddings H.R. No. 1268

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Tyrone D. Gordon of Dallas is serving as Pastor of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives on May

3 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, An honors graduate of Bishop College in Dallas, Reverend Gordon pursued graduate course work at Fuller Theological Seminary in California and received a master of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University;

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WHEREAS, He has served as the spiritual head of the 5,000-person congregation at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church since July 2002, coming to Dallas from Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas, a church that experienced a dramatic increase from 350 members to more than 2,500 in just four years under his guidance; and

WHEREAS, Admired as a leader within his denomination, he has served on the General Council on Ministries, on the General Board of Discipleship board of directors, and as a board member and national president of Black Methodists for Church Renewal; and

19 WHEREAS, Appreciated for his many good works, he was the 20 recipient of a 2000 Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award from the National 21 Conference for Community and Justice, as well as numerous other 22 awards; and

23 WHEREAS, We are blessed to have this esteemed clergyman with 24 us today, and it is fitting that the members of this chamber welcome

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- 1 him; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby commend the Reverend Tyrone D. Gordon, pastor of
- 4 St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, and thank him
- 5 for his service as Pastor of the Day; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Reverend Gordon as an expression of high regard and
- 8 best wishes from the Texas House of Representatives.