

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 25 years, the Reverend Robert C. Hodge, Sr., has  
2 served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Malakoff, sharing his  
3 knowledge and experience with his fellow congregants and benefiting  
4 his community in countless ways; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Calvert on March 19, 1929, Reverend Hodge  
6 attended Rose Hill Elementary School and graduated from Calvert  
7 Colored High School in 1948; he earned a bachelor of science degree  
8 in agriculture in 1955 and pursued his higher education at Bishop  
9 College and Prairie View A&M University; and

10           WHEREAS, This remarkable gentleman is a longtime member and  
11 associate minister at Goodstreet Baptist Church; he also serves as  
12 an instructor in the Galilee Griggs District Association and has  
13 been a valued employee at Texas Nameplate for 33 years; and

14           WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Reverend Hodge has enjoyed a  
15 strong and loving marriage with his wife of 50 years, Joyce;  
16 together they have been blessed with seven children, 12  
17 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

18           WHEREAS, Reverend Hodge is a man of great faith and  
19 integrity, and his passion for teaching and preaching the Word  
20 continues to inspire those who are privileged to know this fine man;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby honor the Reverend Robert C. Hodge, Sr., for his  
24 25 years of service as pastor of First Baptist Church in Malakoff

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1 and extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness;  
2 and, be it further

3           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Reverend Hodge as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.

Jones of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1273 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House