

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend Oliver Charlton "O. C."  
2 Johnson, Sr., on January 21, 2003, at the age of 67, has deeply  
3 saddened not only his family but also his many friends and admirers  
4 in the Houston community; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on February 20, 1935, in the Bayou City to the  
6 Reverend Leroy Johnson and Pearl Johnson, he was particularly close  
7 to his uncle and aunt, Ben and Inez Johnson, who helped raise him;  
8 he was a graduate of Booker T. Washington Senior High School and  
9 went on to earn a four-year certificate from Bishop College in  
10 Dallas and a bachelor's degree in theology from Union Theological  
11 Baptist Seminary; and

12           WHEREAS, He answered the call to the ministry in 1958 and  
13 pastored several Texas churches over the course of his career  
14 before embarking on his 38-year tenure as the spiritual leader of  
15 Lyons Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Houston; and

16           WHEREAS, A gifted vocalist as well as a dynamic preacher,  
17 Reverend Johnson was featured on many religious recordings,  
18 including "Poor Jesus," "Wonderful," and "Precious Lord"; and

19           WHEREAS, This highly regarded clergyman worked in behalf of  
20 his faith with both the Home Mission Board of the National  
21 Missionary Baptist Convention of America and the Independent  
22 Missionary Baptist General Association of Texas, which he had  
23 served as secretary; and

24           WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson married the former Faye Marie

1 Bennett on June 15, 1957, and the couple were richly blessed with a  
2 fine family including three daughters, two sons who have answered  
3 the call to the ministry, and 13 grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, Oliver Charlton Johnson, Sr., was a faithful pastor  
5 and devoted family man who inspired the members of his church and  
6 community; he will long be remembered for his compassion, devotion,  
7 and service to God; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Reverend Oliver  
10 Charlton "O. C." Johnson, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to his  
11 wife, Faye Marie Johnson; to his daughters and sons-in-law,  
12 Carletta and Edmond Moss, Andrea and Reginald Johnson, and Carla  
13 Faye and Durst Roland Cage; to his sons and daughters-in-law, the  
14 Reverend O. C. Johnson, Jr., and Cathy Johnson, and the Reverend  
15 Orestes Johnson and Stephanie Johnson; to his grandchildren; to his  
16 siblings, Katie Murchison and her husband, O. C., Elizabeth Faye  
17 Duncan, and Glen and Eddie Johnson; and to all those who mourn the  
18 passing of this beloved man; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
22 Reverend Oliver Charlton Johnson, Sr.

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Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 1550

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1550 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 28, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House