

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Reverend L. David Punch and to proclaim February 9, 2003, as Reverend L. David Punch Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend L. David Punch will be installed as the pastor of the Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Houston on February 9, 2003; upon assuming this position, he will become the eighth pastor in the church's 121-year history; and

**WHEREAS**, Called to the gospel ministry at the age of 19 under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Jonas E. Punch, his grandfather, Reverend Punch represents the third generation of his family to enter the ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Punch has served as associate pastor of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church and as pastor of the Greater Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church; he has also served as youth president of the Puritan District Association of Texas and as vice president of the Southwest Central District Association of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Houston, Pastor Punch earned a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M University and a master's degree from Texas Southern University; he has worked as a project manager for the Harris County Housing and Community Development Agency and as managing director of the Acres Home Citizens Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary citizen, Reverend Punch serves his community through his participation in a number of neighborhood organizations; he is co-chair of the Spirituality Thread of the

Third Ward Community Cloth Cooperative, vice president of the Third Ward Super-Neighborhood, and director of the Re-Ward Third Ward Community Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Punch is well known for his dedication to his ministry and to his fellowman and his pastorship of the Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been eagerly awaited by the congregation and community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Pastor L. David Punch for his many accomplishments in the ministry and extend best wishes to him for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 29, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate