

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Reverend Tracy Cole Collins and the Inspired Body of Christ Christian Church, which he founded January 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Collins was born in Los Angeles, California, on September 25, 1962, to the Reverend and Mrs. Ezell Collins, Jr.; after graduating from Milby High School in Houston, he attended Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, Called to serve the Lord while still a very young man, Reverend Collins pursued theological studies at Bishop College, the Houston Bible Institute, the College of Biblical Studies, and the Union Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Collins served as pastor of Mercy Seat Baptist Church in Washington, Texas, from 1985 to 1990; he was called to serve at the New United Church in 1992 and at Saint John Missionary Baptist Church from 1993 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Collins is a spirit-filled and powerful proclaimer of the gospel in word and in song, and the focus of his ministry is evangelism; he conducts seminars and revivals and teaches Bible studies to members of diverse denominations throughout the country; through his ministry, he brings a healing presence to those who are hurting, especially to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Collins has also been the devotional leader and treasurer of the Ministers Conference in the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America and the director of evangelism in the Lincoln District Association; and

WHEREAS, By establishing the Inspired Body of Christ Christian Church, Reverend Collins will continue to reach people through his gifted preaching and gospel singing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Reverend Tracy Cole Collins on his dedication to his ministry and his fellowman and extend to him best wishes for the future with his Inspired Body of Christ Christian Church; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Reverend Collins 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 30, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate