

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 324

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson, the special guest speaker for this year's Annual Ministers and Workers Convention hosted by the Texas East Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The convention this year is being held in Fort Worth, April 14 through 18, and all who are attending are honored to have Bishop Patterson as their guest; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Patterson is the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated, a worldwide religious organization with churches in the United States, Central America, South America, Europe, and Africa; and

WHEREAS, He is founder and pastor of Temple of Deliverance Church in Memphis, Tennessee; with 13,000 members, it is one of the largest and fastest-growing congregations in the country; and

WHEREAS, He also founded and is president of Bountiful Blessings Ministries, a highly rated television ministry, and he is the publisher and editor of *Bountiful Blessings* magazine; and

WHEREAS, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Bishop Patterson has performed countless ceremonies and prayed for and counseled his church members and others during their hardships and in times of bereavement; and

WHEREAS, He is a renowned national speaker who has had a positive impact on the lives of many Christians, and he is truly a dedicated and greatly respected church leader; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson for his devoted and caring ministry and his outstanding leadership; 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 March 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate