

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 766

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome to the State Capitol Pastor Tyrone D. Gordon of Saint Luke's Community United Methodist Church, who will celebrate his first anniversary with the church in June of 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gordon became pastor of Saint Luke's Community United Methodist Church in Dallas after 14 years of service as pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas, where under his leadership, the church experienced a phenomenal growth from 350 members in 1988 to over 2,500 members in 2002; he had previously served as a minister in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, Tyrone Gordon was born in Los Angeles, California, and received his bachelor of arts degree from Bishop College in Dallas; after theological graduate work at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, he earned his master's of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the years of his ministry, he has been active in numerous organizations, including the General Council on Ministries and Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century; Pastor Gordon has also served as the national president of Black Methodists for Church Renewal and as a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1992, 1996, and 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Noted for his community leadership, he served on the Wichita Board of Education, the Wichita Children's Home Board of Trustees, and the Greater Wichita Foundation Board; he has been a member of the Wichita Ministerial League and the Salvation Army Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, He is active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and is the author of *Strengthening the Black Church through Worship*, published by the General Board of Discipleship; he has written a new book that will be released this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gordon is married to the former Marsha Douglas, and the couple has two beautiful daughters, Lauren and Allyson; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Pastor Gordon has performed countless ceremonies and has prayed for and counseled his church members during their hardships and in times of bereavement; he has had a positive influence on the lives of many Christians and is truly a dedicated and committed church leader; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Reverend Tyrone D. Gordon for his outstanding ministry to his church and to the community and extend to him a hearty welcome to the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Pastor Gordon 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 May 12, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate