

By: Giddings

H.R. No. 16

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Tony Evans has distinguished himself as one of
2 the nation's most respected religious leaders, and it is a distinct
3 pleasure to recognize this esteemed gentleman for his myriad
4 contributions to the spiritual well-being of his many admirers; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans currently serves as senior pastor at Oak
6 Cliff Bible Fellowship Church in Dallas, where he provides
7 leadership and guidance to some 6,000 congregants; he is also the
8 founder and president of The Urban Alternative, a national
9 organization that promotes spiritual growth and renewal in urban
10 America through the teachings of the church; and

11 WHEREAS, This dedicated individual holds a bachelor's degree
12 from Carver Bible College as well as master's and doctoral degrees
13 in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary; moreover, he has been
14 awarded honorary degrees from Eastern College in Pennsylvania,
15 Liberty University in Virginia, and Dallas Baptist University; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Evans broadcasts his message daily on his
17 popular radio program, "The Alternative with Dr. Tony Evans,"
18 reaching thousands of Americans as well as citizens of more than 40
19 other countries; he is the author of numerous books and articles,
20 and his meaningful words have inspired countless individuals
21 seeking to rekindle or strengthen their faith; and

22 WHEREAS, Previously affiliated with the Grand Old Gospel
23 Fellowship in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Evans is a former
24 vice president of the Urban Evangelical Mission and former chaplain

1 for the National Football League's Dallas Cowboys; in addition to
2 his other duties and responsibilities, he currently serves as
3 chaplain for the National Basketball Association's Dallas
4 Mavericks; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Evans receives support and
6 inspiration from his wife, Lois, and his children and
7 grandchildren; he is a role model for numerous followers and
8 continues to bring hope and happiness to Christians throughout the
9 world; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Tony Evans for
12 his leadership as pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church, for
13 his hard work and dedication as founder and president of The Urban
14 Alternative, and for his exemplary service to his fellow citizens;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Dr. Evans as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.