

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Joe Bagby on the special occasion of his 67th birthday on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Known as a country boy from Big Sandy, Texas, Joe Bagby had a childhood dream of becoming a pilot; however, it was a career in broadcast journalism that finally captured his heart; and

WHEREAS, Joe got his start in radio through his membership in the Cedar Crest Church of Christ in Dallas, where his mother made certain that he was active; through his work with the church's radio ministry, Joe met an early pioneer of gospel music radio, Jimmy Avant, who soon became his mentor and schooled him in the art; and

WHEREAS, The gospel announcer's torch was passed to Joe 40 years ago, and since then, he has continued to help gospel music radio grow; he has been involved with gospel broadcast on KHVN from the days when gospel music was broadcast only a few hours a day to the present day when gospel music is played around the clock; he has worked with many well-known gospel announcers and has extended a helping hand to many local artists, ministries, and churches; and

WHEREAS, When "Heaven 97" KHVN radio station became all gospel 24 hours a day, Joe became the morning drive host; he opens and closes his morning show with his trademark prayer and is affectionately known as "Bro" Joe; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work in gospel music radio, Joe has been a schoolteacher, a business owner, and a constable for Precinct 8; he is renowned across the Dallas/Fort Worth area for his compassion for those in need and for his dedication to serving his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby recognize Joe Bagby as a treasured citizen of our state and extend to him best wishes on his 67th birthday; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 29, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate