

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Reverend S. E. Harris is celebrating his 33rd  
2 anniversary as pastor of Saint Rest Missionary Baptist Church in  
3 Houston's historic Fifth Ward in 2005; and

4           WHEREAS, A man who wears many hats, Reverend Harris excels in  
5 his roles as preacher, leader, counselor, and teacher; through his  
6 weekly Bible study and his devotion to preaching the Gospel, he has  
7 saved and restored countless souls during his more than three  
8 decades of service; and

9           WHEREAS, The effect of his hard work and dedication is also  
10 manifested in physical representations, such as the construction of  
11 a new church in 1988, the installation of the Wall of Reflection and  
12 Honor Monument, and the purchase of additional property for the  
13 church's ever-growing congregation; and

14           WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Reverend Harris has  
15 ordained and installed many new deacons; he has also established an  
16 array of committees and auxiliaries dedicated to achieving the  
17 congregation's goals; and

18           WHEREAS, Reverend Harris often serves as a mentor and advisor  
19 to other pastors and ministers; in addition, he serves his  
20 community of faith as the financial secretary of the South Texas  
21 District Regular Missionary Baptist Association of Texas; and

22           WHEREAS, For 90 years, Saint Rest Missionary Baptist Church  
23 has ably served residents of the Fifth Ward community, and for more  
24 than a third of the church's existence, Reverend Harris has

1 shepherded the congregation, providing inspirational leadership  
2 and steadfast guidance; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend  
5 S. E. Harris on the occasion of his 33rd anniversary as pastor of  
6 Saint Rest Missionary Baptist Church and extend best wishes to him  
7 for continued success and happiness as the leader of this notable  
8 house of worship; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Reverend Harris as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 177

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 177 was adopted by the House on August 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House