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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.