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H.R. No. 194

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Canaan Baptist Church in Houston is hosting its 99th
2 anniversary gala on August 12, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, The Reverend Bernice King, daughter of the late Dr.
4 Martin Luther King, Jr., is presenting the keynote address at this
5 special celebration, and Pastor Val D. Adams will detail his vision
6 of a church campus at 5117 Lockwood Drive, where Christian support
7 and social services assist residents of Kashmere Garden, the Fifth
8 Ward, and Northeast Houston; and

9 WHEREAS, Organized in 1906 as the Canaan Missionary Baptist
10 Church of Houston under the leadership of the Reverend Joseph
11 Alford, the small, committed group of charter members initially met
12 under an oak tree, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell; later, a
13 lot purchased in the 2500 block of Altoona served as the church site
14 for more than four decades, until the congregation moved to its
15 current location at 5117 Lockwood Drive; and

16 WHEREAS, Many fine spiritual leaders have guided Canaan
17 Baptist, following in the footsteps of Reverend Alford; they
18 include Pastor Emeritus L. V. Adams, whose tenure spanned four
19 decades; in 2001, his son, the Reverend Val D. Adams, was installed
20 as co-pastor, and in 2004, he was appointed senior pastor; and

21 WHEREAS, With the support of his wife, First Lady Stephanie
22 Adams, Reverend Adams envisions a future in which Canaan Baptist
23 ministries are dedicated to bettering the lives of those within the
24 church body as well as of individuals throughout the Northeast

1 Houston community, and this special celebration provides a fitting
2 opportunity to recognize the work and history of the church; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend
6 Val D. Adams and the congregants of Canaan Baptist Church on the
7 church's 99th anniversary and extend to all involved best wishes
8 for the future; and, be it further

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