

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dexter Utley for his loyal service as pastor of the Trinity Fellowship Church Southwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Utley's ministry began in 1989 while he was a member of Saint Agnes Missionary Baptist Church; he was a member of the Christian rap group Young Disciples of Christ, whose powerful lyrics provided inspiration to all who heard them; and

**WHEREAS**, After the tragic death of his brother and a brief period of darkness in his life, Dexter Utley returned to the ministry stronger than ever; in May of 2002, he was licensed as an elder and ordained as a minister; he served as assistant pastor at Trinity Fellowship Church Southeast; and

**WHEREAS**, Now serving as pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church Southwest, he provides inspirational leadership, and under his guidance, the church provides enlightenment, hope and support to the Houston community; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, this revered pastor is committed to helping area youths and to helping all members of his congregation through their hardships; he also oversees several areas of ministry at the main campus, including the Youth Ministry and the Deacon Family Ministry; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby join the members of Trinity Fellowship Church Southwest in commending Pastor Dexter Utley for his ardent service to his church, his city, and his beloved community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 8, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate