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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bishop J. W. Macklin has brought hope and spiritual  
2 inspiration to countless people throughout his ministerial career,  
3 and congregants of the Starlight District in Fort Worth may count  
4 themselves among those fortunate enough to benefit from his message  
5 of faith; and

6           WHEREAS, Pastor of the Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ in  
7 Hayward, California, a congregation he organized in 1978, Bishop  
8 Macklin has been highly instrumental in the growth of the church,  
9 which today numbers 1,800 members; moreover, congregants reach out  
10 to the global community through some 40 ministries; and

11           WHEREAS, In addition to leading his church, Bishop Macklin  
12 chaired the Auxiliaries in Ministry Convention for more than a  
13 decade, sharing his vision and guidance with thousands of delegates  
14 worldwide who represented national departments focused on youth,  
15 music, Sunday school, missions, and evangelism; and

16           WHEREAS, He attained the level of bishop in 1998, and later  
17 accepted an episcopal appointment to provide strategic leadership  
18 to more than 55 churches; in 2004, he received the church's highest  
19 honor with his election to the general board of the Church of God in  
20 Christ; and

21           WHEREAS, This dedicated man of faith positively affects those  
22 outside his congregation by participating in seminars and  
23 conferences, authoring publications, and overseeing the work of the  
24 Northern California Community Development Corporation, which he

1 established in 1992; one of that organization's most renowned  
2 successes is the transformation of the South Hayward community  
3 through economic development, education, and neighborhood  
4 revitalization; and

5 WHEREAS, Bishop Macklin has offered guidance and compassion  
6 to his parishioners and has helped people throughout the world to  
7 better their lives, and he truly merits special recognition for his  
8 myriad achievements and contributions; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Bishop J. W.  
11 Macklin for his many good works in behalf of his fellowman and  
12 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Bishop Macklin as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.