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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 15, 2005, the members and friends of
2 Northside Antioch Baptist Church in Houston are holding the 35
3 Years of Pastoral Service Retirement Gala in honor of the Reverend
4 Robert Staggers, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Staggers has been a member of Northside
6 Antioch Baptist since childhood, when he moved with his family from
7 Rayville, Louisiana, to a house behind the original church site in
8 Houston's historic Fifth Ward; and

9 WHEREAS, An exceptional student, he graduated from Phillis
10 Wheatley High School and soon embarked on a nine-year tour of duty
11 with the U.S. Air Force, during which time he successfully
12 completed a religious education course, among other classes and
13 programs, at the U.S. Air Force Air University; he received a
14 bachelor's degree with honors from Southern Bible College, enrolled
15 at Houston Baptist University to work toward an undergraduate
16 degree in psychology and Christianity, and graduated at the top of
17 his class from the Houston Training Institute, where he majored in
18 computer science; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of his ministry at Northside,
20 Reverend Staggers has implemented myriad outreach efforts,
21 including a food pantry, health care ministries, youth programs,
22 computer training, and a GED ministry and has overseen projects to
23 build a new sanctuary and remodel the old structure; notably active
24 in the wider community as well, he founded the Northside Urban

1 Community Development Corporation and has organized several
2 groups, including LIFT (Life Investment for Training); and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Staggers gains important support from his
4 wife, Dale Morris, whom he married in 2001, and their extended
5 family, including four children, six grandchildren, and two
6 great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Constantly striving for personal development as
8 well as spiritual growth, this remarkable gentleman is fluent in
9 Japanese, adheres to a daily walking regimen, and has won acclaim
10 for his homemade biscuits; his plans for retirement include a
11 full-time mission ministry in Brazil and building a family center;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Staggers is truly a blessing in the lives
14 of countless people who have been uplifted by his heartfelt prayers
15 and his concern for their welfare, and it is a distinct pleasure to
16 honor this man of faith at this special time in his life; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend the Reverend Robert Staggers, Jr., on
20 his exemplary 35-year pastoral tenure with Northside Antioch
21 Baptist Church in Houston and extend to him sincere best wishes for
22 a happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Reverend Staggers as an expression of high regard by
25 the Texas House of Representatives.