

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 20, 2005, marks the second anniversary of the
2 Reverend Murphy Simon's tenure as pastor of First St. Mark Baptist
3 Church in Houston, and this occasion provides an opportune time to
4 recognize this esteemed Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of the District of
6 Columbia and the Houston Graduate School of Theology, Reverend
7 Simon previously officiated as a minister at St. John Missionary
8 Baptist Church and Lilly Grove Baptist Church, both in Houston,
9 before beginning his service to First St. Mark's; and

10 WHEREAS, For two years, he has led that congregation with
11 great distinction, enhancing the spiritual lives of many
12 individuals with his guidance and inspirational teachings;
13 moreover, since his arrival, the church has experienced a
14 particularly vibrant and rewarding period, resulting in a renewed
15 sense of purpose and vitality within the membership; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Simon has further supported his community
17 by working with young people as a special education inclusion
18 facilitator and vocational and preemployment teacher at Worthing
19 High School; in addition, he has distinguished himself as the
20 director of an independent living program for juvenile offenders;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The Reverend Murphy Simon has consistently placed
23 the needs of others above all else, bringing his special strength
24 and compassion to each new task he takes on; in times of trouble or

1 of joy, he is always there to promote faith, hope, and
2 understanding, helping others to confidently navigate that daily
3 miracle we call life; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor the Reverend Murphy Simon and congratulate
6 him on his second pastoral anniversary with First St. Mark Baptist
7 Church; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 816

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 816 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House