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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.