

By: Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1012

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 23, 2005, the Reverend Donald "Don"
2 Royce Hickman of Athens served as Pastor of the Day for the Texas
3 House of Representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, An alumnus of the University of Tulsa and the
5 Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, from which he received
6 a master of divinity degree in 1973, Reverend Hickman was ordained
7 an Episcopal deacon and priest that same year; and

8 WHEREAS, Since embarking on his ministerial career, this
9 esteemed clergyman served congregations in Oklahoma, Wyoming,
10 Colorado, and Arizona before accepting the leadership of Saint
11 Matthias Episcopal Church in Athens in 1999, in which capacity he
12 has uplifted the hearts of countless individuals seeking his
13 spiritual guidance and unwavering support; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his years of devoted religious and
15 community service, Reverend Hickman has willingly volunteered his
16 services as chaplain at the East Texas Medical Center, the Lakeland
17 House Assisted Living Facility, and the Athens Police Department
18 and has provided the benediction at many civic functions; further,
19 he is a member of the Athens Rotary Club and participates in the
20 Keep Athens Beautiful effort; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Hickman is married to Lorena Nell Bounds
22 Hickman, and they are the proud parents of two children, Donald Hugh
23 Hickman and Jean Marie Dyer; through his commitment to his family,
24 his parishioners, and the people of his community, he truly helps

1 make Henderson County the desirable place it is to live, work,
2 worship, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby express its sincere appreciation to the Reverend
5 Donald Royce Hickman for his service as Pastor of the Day for this
6 chamber and for his service to his fellow Texans; and, be it further

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