

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. A. Louis Patterson, Jr., pastor of Mount Corinth
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Houston for 35 years, is most
3 deserving of special commendation; and

4 WHEREAS, Since answering the call from Mount Corinth in 1970,
5 Dr. Patterson has worked diligently in behalf of his parishioners,
6 creating a five-point priority program titled *The Worth of the*
7 *Word, Energetic Evangelism, Sharing Our Substance, Lordship of*
8 *Christ in Living, and Persistence in Prayer*; and

9 WHEREAS, Beloved by his congregation, Dr. Patterson is also
10 recognized internationally as a leading expository preacher, and he
11 has conducted revivals for people in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the
12 Caribbean; moreover, he has twice served as general host for the
13 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and has lectured
14 for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade, *Promise Keepers*, the
15 *Urban Alternative*, and the American Baptist College and for a host
16 of events, including national and state Baptist conventions and
17 dozens of citywide revivals; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman generously shares his
19 unwavering faith through myriad avenues; he has led churches in
20 California and Texas, authored books including *Prerequisites for a*
21 *Good Journey, Joy for the Journey, and Wisdom in Strange Places*, and
22 written for Judson Press and *The African American Pulpit*, a
23 quarterly journal; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson has received many well-deserved

1 accolades for his life's work, including being named One of
2 America's Greatest Black Preachers by *Ebony Magazine* in 1993; among
3 additional honors, he was inducted into the Morehouse School of
4 Religion's Hall of Preachers and has three times been named a Living
5 Legend by his peers; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support
7 of his treasured family, including his wife, Melba Lorraine, and
8 children, Anthony, Albert, Alan, and Alette; and

9 WHEREAS, His abiding concern for the spiritual well-being of
10 others, his compassion, and his trust in a higher power have set an
11 inspiring example of Christian dedication for the members of his
12 church and beyond, and it is a privilege to join in congratulating
13 Dr. Patterson at this special time in his life; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Dr. A. Louis Patterson, Jr., on the joyous
17 occasion of his 35th anniversary as pastor of Mount Corinth
18 Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him best wishes for
19 continued happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Dr. Patterson as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1043

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1043 was adopted by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House