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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.