

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor L. A. Kennedy of the New Community Baptist
2 Church of Houston has enjoyed a 45-year tenure in the ministry, and
3 countless people have benefited from his wisdom and guidance
4 through the years; and

5 WHEREAS, This graduate of the American Baptist Theological
6 Seminary earned his doctorate of divinity from Union Baptist
7 Theological Seminary and began his career in Milwaukee, where he
8 founded the Emmanuel Temple Baptist Church; he later established
9 the Corinth Baptist Church before moving to Houston in 1972; and

10 WHEREAS, After serving as associate minister of Pleasant
11 Green Baptist Church, Pastor Kennedy assumed the pastorship at
12 Community Baptist Church, now known as New Community Baptist
13 Church; under his leadership, the congregation has thrived, growing
14 from a membership of 35 to approximately 700 today; moreover, the
15 church now boasts a new sanctuary complete with classrooms,
16 offices, a conference room, a minister's room, and a resource
17 center, and plans are under way for further expansion; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his service to the members of New
19 Community Baptist Church, Pastor Kennedy has conducted evangelical
20 work across the United States; a former president of the Northeast
21 Ministers Conference and vice president of the Southwest Region of
22 the Progressive National Baptist Convention, he is currently vice
23 president of the Northside Ministers Conference and a member of
24 Ministers Against Crime, a unit of the Houston Police Department;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and
3 support of his wife of 50 years, Ann, and their children and
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor L. A. Kennedy is a man of deep spiritual
6 devotion; his guidance and inspired teachings have encouraged and
7 brought hope to many, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor him at
8 this time; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend Pastor L. A. Kennedy on his 45 years of
11 religious service and extend to him sincere best wishes for
12 continued achievement; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Pastor Kennedy as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2139

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2139 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House