

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 2139

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.