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H.R. No. 2189

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Robert L. Thomas, Jr., of Houston is
2 celebrating his first anniversary as pastor of Olivet Missionary
3 Baptist Church on May 29, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Reverend Thomas attended schools in
5 Houston and Hempstead and earned both his bachelor's degree in
6 industrial technology and his master's degree in educational
7 administration from Prairie View A&M University; and

8 WHEREAS, He joined Olivet Missionary Baptist in the mid-1990s
9 as a deacon and member of the board of trustees; in 1998, he
10 answered the call to the ministry and began a five-year tenure as
11 the congregation's youth minister; for several months in 2003, he
12 served as the church's interim pastor and was soon unanimously
13 elected as the congregation's permanent pastor; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to his religious service, Reverend
15 Thomas has enjoyed a career as a teacher in the technology education
16 departments at a number of middle schools and high schools
17 throughout the Lone Star State; currently the program director of
18 business/education partnerships for the Aldine Independent School
19 District, he has also served as an adjunct faculty instructor in the
20 North Harris Montgomery Community College District; and

21 WHEREAS, While demands on his time are many, Reverend Thomas
22 has further distinguished himself through his involvement in a host
23 of professional and civic organizations, including the North
24 Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development

1 Committee, Northwest Chamber of Commerce Education Committee,
2 North Harris College Applied Technology Advisory Council, and
3 Association of Builders and Contractors Education Committee; a
4 participant in the Taking Education to Work Initiative, he has also
5 served as president of the Gulf Coast Career and Technology
6 Administrators of Texas and is currently president-elect of
7 Leadership North Houston Alumni; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Reverend Thomas has enjoyed
9 the love and support of his wife of 18 years, Tracey Brooks Thomas,
10 and their two children, Mariel and Taylor Thomas; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman's untiring efforts and
12 inspired teachings have been a great blessing to Olivet Missionary
13 Baptist Church, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor him at this
14 time; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Robert L. Thomas, Jr.,
17 on his first anniversary as pastor of Olivet Missionary Baptist
18 Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for many more years of
19 service to the congregation; and, be it further

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