

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mrs. Emery Poindexter Payne for her 50 years of outstanding service as minister of music at the Fourth Missionary Baptist Church in Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Payne has been an inspiration to the congregation of the Fourth Missionary Baptist Church by faithfully sharing her gift of music and her calling to music ministry for half a century; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of spiritual depth and devotion, Mrs. Payne has dedicated herself to filling worship services with music that spiritually uplifts her fellow church members; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, Mrs. Payne also serves as minister of music for the Independent Missionary Baptist Association of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of Mrs. Payne's outstanding work, Reverend Walter F. Houston of the Fourth Missionary Baptist Church and church members will host a golden banquet celebration in her honor on February 19, 2005; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby join the clergy and members of the Fourth Missionary Baptist Church in commending Mrs. Emery Poindexter Payne for her dedicated service as music minister and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 31, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate