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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In March 2007, the Reverend Dr. G. V. Clark and
2 congregants of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Austin are celebrating
3 Reverend Clark's 37th pastoral anniversary, and this occasion
4 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize him for his many
5 notable achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Clark attended Huston-Tillotson College,
7 where he received his bachelor's degree and an honorary doctorate;
8 he earned a master of divinity degree from the Episcopal
9 Theological Seminary of the Southwest and furthered his education
10 at The University of Texas at Austin and Andover Newton Theological
11 Seminary; he has worked as a public school teacher, state hospital
12 chaplain, and civil servant, including a tenure as director of the
13 Office of Civil Rights at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, In his 37 years as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist
15 Church, Reverend Clark has served with distinction and earned the
16 respect and admiration of his congregants with his strong faith and
17 able stewardship; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Clark has given generously of his time and
19 noted leadership skills to several religious and civic
20 organizations, including the Missionary Baptist General Convention
21 of Texas and the State President's Council of the National Baptist
22 Convention of America, Inc., both of which he serves as president;
23 in addition, he has volunteered with the NAACP, Texas Public
24 Employees Association, Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers Big

1 Sisters of Central Texas, and the Austin Council of Alcoholism; and

2 WHEREAS, In its devoted pastor, the congregation of Mount
3 Zion Baptist Church has found a teacher, a counselor, and a stalwart
4 friend; his strength and compassion have provided comfort to many
5 individuals, and his faith and dedication continue to inspire all
6 who know him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Dr. G. V. Clark on his
9 37th anniversary as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church and extend
10 to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Reverend Clark as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.