

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2007, Dr. Robert C. Simmons of DeSoto is
2 serving as Pastor for the Day for the Texas House of
3 Representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Simmons has led churches in California, Ohio,
5 Florida, and Houston before 1999, when he began his outstanding
6 tenure with the Dallas First Church of the Nazarene, a diverse and
7 growing congregation that is located in DeSoto and that can trace
8 its history back more than 100 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Raised in Ohio, Dr. Simmons is the child of a pastor;
10 he earned a master's degree in divinity from Nazarene Theological
11 Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and holds a doctorate in
12 ministry from Southern Methodist University Perkins School of
13 Theology in Dallas; and

14 WHEREAS, For 38 years, Dr. Simmons has shared his knowledge
15 and experience with his fellow congregants and benefited his
16 community in countless ways, including serving as chairman of the
17 DeSoto Chamber of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Simmons and his wife, Monda, raised two
19 daughters, Andrea Simmons and Rhonda McGinnis, and they have opened
20 their hearts and home by informally adopting two young men, Stanley
21 Leone and Chris Alexander; and

22 WHEREAS, A man of great integrity and strong character, Dr.
23 Simmons's dedication to his preaching and teaching inspires all who
24 hear him, and we are most fortunate to have him with us today; now,

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby express its sincere appreciation to Pastor
4 Robert C. Simmons for his service as Pastor for the Day for this
5 chamber and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future.

Giddings

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 628 was adopted by the House on March 1, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House