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H.R. No. 628

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,

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.