

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Mark Harris is celebrating 19 years of
2 devoted service to the congregation of Cooper Missionary Baptist
3 Church in Fort Worth in April 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 12, 1957, to Pastor Cecil Harris,
5 Sr., and Alberta Harris, Mark Anthony Harris was the eldest son
6 among 13 brothers and sisters; and

7 WHEREAS, Even as a child his vocation was clear; baptized in
8 his father's church, Galatian Missionary Baptist Church, he
9 attended Sunday School, sang in the choir, and participated in the
10 Baptist Training Union and other groups; and

11 WHEREAS, A 1976 graduate in commercial art from Green B.
12 Trimble Technical High School, Mark Harris continued his education
13 at The University of Texas at Arlington and at Trinity Valley
14 Baptist College; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1978 he married Pamela Fittsgill, and the joy
16 they derive from their marriage has only been further enhanced by
17 the birth of their three children; and

18 WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of his father, this
19 esteemed gentleman answered the call to the ministry and was
20 ordained at the age of 23; he preached his first sermon, entitled
21 "I'll Tell It," in March 1981, and since then has shared his faith
22 with congregations in many states and overseas; and

23 WHEREAS, Since April 1988, Mark Harris has been the pastor of
24 Cooper Missionary Baptist Church, providing guidance and

1 inspiration to his flock for 19 years; he has further served his
2 community as the financial secretary and first vice-moderator of
3 the Elm Grove District Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Through his spiritual leadership and unshakable
5 faith, Pastor Harris has long enriched the lives of his congregants
6 and fellow citizens; he will no doubt continue to be an example and
7 a guide to all who know him in the years to come; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend Pastor Mark Harris on his 19 years of
11 exemplary service to Cooper Missionary Baptist Church and to the
12 greater community and extend to him sincere best wishes for
13 continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Pastor Harris as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1478

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1478 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House