

By: Davis of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Rickie G. Rush of the Inspiring Body of Christ
2 Worldwide Ministries has been named a winner of the 2007
3 Outstanding Texan Award in the category of pastors by the Texas
4 Legislative Black Caucus; and

5 WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive
6 impact they make in their communities, and the dedicated service
7 that Dr. Rush has provided as a minister has greatly enhanced the
8 lives of many individuals in the Dallas area; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Arlington,
10 Dr. Rush taught theater arts at Skyline High School for 17 years
11 before leaving to pursue a career in the ministry; he earned a
12 doctor of divinity degree from Rialto Bible College and went on to
13 found the Inspiring Body of Christ Worldwide Ministries, which, in
14 less than two decades, has grown to include more than 14,000
15 members; in addition to fulfilling his duties as pastor, Dr. Rush
16 hosts regular radio and television segments on several Metroplex
17 stations and serves as principal of the Mary L. Rush Children's
18 College and the IBOC Christian Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, Devoted to helping those in need, Dr. Rush used
20 earnings from presale orders of his first book, *May I Have Your*
21 *Order, Please?*, to sponsor food giveaways in the community through
22 collaborations with Williams Chicken and McDonald's; moreover, he
23 is widely respected for his ability to encourage and uplift others
24 in his role as a public speaker; and

1 WHEREAS, Rickie G. Rush stands as an inspiring example of how
2 one person can better a community through professional and civic
3 dedication, and the Outstanding Texan commendation is a fitting
4 recognition of his exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Rickie G. Rush on his receipt
7 of a 2007 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black
8 Caucus and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;
9 and, be it further

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