

By: Davis of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church in
2 Dallas are celebrating 30 years of service by their beloved pastor,
3 the Reverend C. J. R. Phillips, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Ladonia on January 23, 1944, Reverend
5 Phillips is the son of the late Reverend Dr. C. J. R. Phillips, Sr.,
6 and Inez White Phillips, and he is blessed to come from a respected
7 line of esteemed Bishop College gospel preachers; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of Madison High School's Class of 1962,
9 Reverend Phillips served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1966 before
10 attending Bishop College, where he majored in religion; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Phillips is highly regarded at home and
12 abroad for his inspirational sermons and his exceptional musical
13 gifts, and he freely shares his faith and talent with his fellow
14 Christians through his participation in revivals throughout the
15 nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The congregants of St. Phillips Missionary Baptist
17 Church have witnessed much positive change during the three-decade
18 tenure of Reverend Phillips; indeed, membership has increased
19 dramatically under his leadership, and the church has undergone a
20 total renovation and now includes a fully accredited child-care
21 center; and

22 WHEREAS, A member of the Dallas chapter of the NAACP as well
23 as the Baptist Ministers Conference of Dallas, Reverend Phillips
24 enjoys numerous affiliations with respected religious and social

1 organizations on the local, state, and national levels; he is also
2 the recipient of a host of honors and accolades, including an
3 honorary doctorate from New Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Institute,
4 recognition by the governor of Texas and the mayor of Dallas, and
5 the declaration of C. J. R. Phillips Day by the City of Dallas in
6 October 1994; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his efforts to serve his congregants and
8 fellow citizens, Reverend Phillips enjoys the love and support of
9 his devoted wife, Esther Calhoun Phillips, and his message of
10 charity, hope, and faith continues to resonate among his many
11 friends and admirers in the State of Texas and beyond; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend C. J. R. Phillips,
15 Jr., on 30 years of service as pastor of St. Phillips Missionary
16 Baptist Church and extend best wishes to him for many more years of
17 service to his congregants; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Reverend Phillips as an expression of high regard by
20 the Texas House of Representatives.