

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Congregants of the Church of God in Christ were  
2 deeply saddened by the death of their esteemed leader, Presiding  
3 Bishop G. E. Patterson of Memphis, Tennessee, who passed away in  
4 March 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Humboldt, Tennessee, G. E. Patterson  
6 attended Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis and the Detroit Bible  
7 Institute and held an honorary doctorate from Oral Roberts  
8 University; ordained as an elder in the COGIC in 1957, he served as  
9 a minister for nearly 50 years, during which time he organized  
10 Temple of Deliverance COGIC in Memphis; and

11           WHEREAS, One of his most notable accomplishments was the  
12 founding of Bountiful Blessings Ministries, a worldwide telecast  
13 program, through which he reached millions of people with his  
14 positive message of faith; he further distinguished himself as the  
15 jurisdictional prelate of the Tennessee Fourth Ecclesiastical  
16 Jurisdiction and as a member of the COGIC general board, and on  
17 November 14, 2000, he was elected presiding bishop; and

18           WHEREAS, Although Bishop Patterson is deeply missed, he  
19 leaves behind an inspiring legacy of compassion, hope, and faith  
20 that will be forever treasured by all those whose lives he touched;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Church of God in  
24 Christ Presiding Bishop G. E. Patterson and extend sincere sympathy

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1 to his wife, Louise Patterson, and to his many other relatives,  
2 friends, and admirers; and, be it further

3         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Presiding  
6 Bishop G. E. Patterson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2186 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House