## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in Houston are gathering on May 27, 2007, to pay tribute to their pastor, the Reverend Robert L. Thomas, Jr., for his three years of service to the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas served Olivet Missionary Baptist as youth pastor before his appointment as interim pastor in October 2003; before answering a call to the ministry in 1998, he served as a deacon, chairman of deacons, Brotherhood Bible teacher, and chair of the Pastoral Search Committee; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Prairie View A\&M University, this esteemed Texan is program director of business and education partnerships for the Aldine Independent School District; an active member of his community, he has been president of the Gulf Coast Career and Technology Administrators of Texas, president of the 2004-2005 Leadership North Houston Alumni, and a member of the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce Workforce and Economic Development Committees; and

WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Reverend Thomas has enjoyed the support of his wife of 20 years, Tracey Brooks Thomas, and his daughters, Mariel Ruth Thomas and Taylor Dannise Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas is sharing his strong faith, compassion, and understanding with the members of the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, and his guidance is a blessing to many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Robert L. Thomas, Jr., on his third anniversary as pastor of the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

