

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 176

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in
2 Houston gathered on January 18, 2009, to commemorate the 25th
3 anniversary of Dr. Louis C. Sidney, Sr., as pastor of their
4 congregation and to extend appreciation to Dr. Sidney and his wife,
5 Darlene, for their continued service; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Houston in 1952 to Elijah and Burlee Sidney,
7 Louis Charles Sidney answered the call to the ministry more than
8 three decades ago; he holds a bachelor of theology degree from the
9 Conroe Normal and Real Bible Seminary and a doctor of divinity
10 degree from the Inter-Baptist Theological Center; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sidney was raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee,
12 and graduated from Tennessee State University in Nashville; she
13 relocated to the Bayou City after retiring from the Hamilton County
14 Juvenile Court as a juvenile probation officer; Dr. and Mrs. Sidney
15 met at St. Paul MBC and were joined in matrimony on December 4,
16 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the years, this esteemed couple have been
18 affiliated with numerous organizations; Dr. Sidney has served as
19 dean of the Progressive Peaceful Union District Association and as
20 a member of the Northeast Ministerial Council, the Northeast Harris
21 County Christian Ministers Alliance, the New Progressive Civic Club
22 of Settegast, and the citizen advisory board for the Harris County
23 Precinct 3 Constable's Office; Mrs. Sidney was formerly a member of
24 the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African

1 American Song and the board of directors of Hope Unlimited
2 Ministries; and

3 WHEREAS, Actively engaged in the community, Dr. Sidney has
4 sought to help the hungry, the hurting, and the outcast, to foster
5 harmonious relations among local residents, and to make the area a
6 better place for both children and senior citizens; he and
7 Mrs. Sidney also gave generously of their time and energies to the
8 Katrina relief effort; and

9 WHEREAS, Through their compassion and goodwill, Pastor and
10 Mrs. Sidney have enhanced the lives of countless individuals, and
11 in so doing, they have won the esteem and affection of their
12 congregation and the community at large; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Louis C. Sidney, Sr., and Darlene
15 Sidney for their dedicated service to St. Paul Missionary Baptist
16 Church and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
17 happiness; and, be it further

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