

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor J. C. Benson and his wife, Sherry Benson, are
2 being honored by the congregants of First United Pentecostal Church
3 of Euless on April 24 to 26, 2009, in recognition of four decades of
4 dedicated service; and

5 WHEREAS, J. C. and Sherry Benson were married in July 1963,
6 and for the next two years they traveled extensively in the cause of
7 evangelism; during the 1960s, Mr. Benson served as assistant pastor
8 of Northside Pentecostal Church in Waco and as pastor of Vine Life
9 United Pentecostal Church in Glen Rose before moving with his wife
10 to Euless in the spring of 1969, where they established First United
11 Pentecostal; and

12 WHEREAS, Although the members of the congregation initially
13 gathered for worship in a warehouse, they soon bought property and
14 erected their first building, and in 1985 they constructed the
15 sanctuary still in use today; numerous ministries have thrived
16 under the steadfast leadership of the Bensons, including those
17 focused on every age and stage of life as well as one for single
18 parents; and

19 WHEREAS, Pastor Benson has contributed to his wider community
20 of faith as director of the Texas District Foreign Missions
21 Department for five years and as secretary of the Texas Bible
22 College Board of Directors for two decades; and

23 WHEREAS, Offering her wholehearted support to her husband and
24 his ministry, Mrs. Benson serves at his side and benefits her fellow

1 congregants in countless ways; in addition to their church family,
2 Pastor and Mrs. Benson delight in spending time with their
3 daughters, Annette Duval and her husband, Keith, and Veta
4 McLaughlin and her husband, Carl, as well as their grandchildren,
5 Ellerie, Jacob, Rachel, Johnmichael, Blake, and Jenna; and

6 WHEREAS, Since founding First United Pentecostal Church,
7 this esteemed couple have committed themselves to advancing the
8 mission of the congregation with which they have shared so much of
9 their lives, and they are truly deserving of recognition on this
10 special occasion; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Pastor J. C. Benson and Sherry
13 Benson on their 40th anniversary of service to First United
14 Pentecostal Church and extend to them sincere best wishes for
15 continued success and fulfillment; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Benson as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.

Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1282

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1282 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House