

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1282

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.