

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 1492

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The congregants of the Greater Mount Olive  
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Houston are deeply appreciative of the  
3 Reverend Byrd Lacey, Jr., and his wife, Marilyn, who have dedicated  
4 25 years of service to the church; and

5           WHEREAS, Reverend Lacey was born and raised in Chapel Hill,  
6 where he attended Providence Missionary Baptist Church; he later  
7 moved to Houston, and in 1958, he was ordained as a minister at the  
8 Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church; and

9           WHEREAS, A graduate of C. H. Hogan High School, he earned a  
10 degree in theology from Union Baptist Theological Seminary and went  
11 on to earn a doctorate in divinity studies from the Inter-Baptist  
12 Theological Center; and

13           WHEREAS, Called to the Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist  
14 Church in October 1983, Reverend Lacey continues to faithfully  
15 serve as pastor, teacher, counselor, mentor, and friend to his  
16 congregation and the greater community; and

17           WHEREAS, He has also distinguished himself as a keynote  
18 speaker with the National Baptist Missionary Association of America  
19 and as dean of the South Texas District Missionary Baptist  
20 Association; and

21           WHEREAS, Reverend Lacey has received numerous honors for his  
22 work, including the Humanitarian & Leadership Award from the  
23 Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church; in addition, he was named a  
24 Leader in Christian Education by the National Baptist Sunday Church

1 School and Baptist Training Union of the National Baptist  
2 Publishing Board, recognized for community service by the Metro  
3 Southeast Houston Chapter of the National Women of Achievement, and  
4 honored by the Top Ladies of Distinction as one of Houston's  
5 Outstanding Ministers; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Reverend Lacey derives great  
7 inspiration and joy from his wife, Marilyn, who has graciously  
8 given of her time and gifts in behalf of myriad church activities,  
9 and from his four children, Cheryl Donovan, Cheryl Chandler, Kim  
10 Carter, and Jacqueline Ward; he also is blessed with the love and  
11 affection of nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Lacey and Mrs. Lacey have touched the lives  
13 of countless individuals throughout the past quarter-century, and  
14 the congregants of Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist have been  
15 all the richer for their presence; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Byrd Lacey, Jr., and  
18 his wife, Marilyn, on their 25 years of service to the Greater Mount  
19 Olive Missionary Baptist Church and extend to them sincere best  
20 wishes for continued success and fulfillment; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Reverend and Mrs. Lacey as an expression of high regard  
23 by the Texas House of Representatives.