

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Dallas gospel radio legend Joe Bagby on
2 May 8, 2009, at the age of 70, has deeply saddened his loved ones and
3 his many devoted listeners; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on June 30, 1938, Edward Joe Bagby,
5 Sr., was the son of Obie and Emma Bagby; he graduated from Lincoln
6 High School and attended the University of North Texas and Bishop
7 College, serving in the Air Force ROTC during his college years;
8 returning to Lincoln High as a teacher, he served as a source of
9 kindness and encouragement to many young people, and in 1978 he
10 established the Glendale Learning Center, where he retired as
11 director of operations in March 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, This industrious Texan also worked for Sears,
13 Roebuck and Company, Parkland Hospital, and Dallas County
14 Commissioners Office Precinct 4; in 1988, he was elected to the
15 first of three terms as Dallas County constable for Precinct 8, and
16 while enforcing the law he demonstrated great compassion toward
17 those in unfortunate circumstances; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than a half-century, Mr. Bagby hosted a
19 morning gospel show, and although he modestly described it as his
20 hobby, he became enormously influential on the national level
21 through his ability to recognize talent and spot a hit record, and
22 he met such legends as Mahalia Jackson and Sam Cooke in the course
23 of his illustrious career; moreover, "Brother Joe" became a guiding
24 light to countless listeners; he began and ended each program with a

1 prayer and dispensed spiritual advice and moral support along with
2 uplifting musical selections; his delightful sense of humor helped
3 members of the KHVN "Heaven 97" audience start their day on a joyful
4 note, and he found ways to assist callers in need and was a mentor to
5 others in the radio industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Bagby was a valued member of Cedar Crest Church
7 of Christ, and in all his endeavors he enjoyed the love and support
8 of his soul mate and wife of 38 years, Falaine Bagby, and of his
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, A gifted broadcaster with a true devotion to gospel
11 music, Joe Bagby continued to share his wisdom and faith over the
12 airwaves even as his health declined, and he signed off for the last
13 time less than 24 hours before his passing; although his voice will
14 be missed, the inspiration he provided will linger in the hearts of
15 the many people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Edward Joe Bagby, Sr.,
18 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
19 wife, Falaine Bagby; to his daughters, Dunita Harris and her
20 husband, Preston, April Bailey and her husband, Deion, Yolanda
21 Crosby, and Tonya Williams; to his sons, DeWayne Joubert, Keith
22 Smith, and Joe Bagby, Jr., and his wife, Nicole; to his 25
23 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; to his sister, Miranda
24 Holland, and her husband, Tommy; to his brother, Vanda Bagby, and
25 his wife, Nancy; to his mother-in-law, Jenell London; and to his
26 other relatives and many friends and admirers; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Edward Joe
3 Bagby, Sr.

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Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2191

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2191 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House