

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of Sweet Home Baptist Church in Fort Worth  
2 gathered on March 29, 2009, to pay tribute to their pastor, the  
3 Reverend James C. Brown, for his 14 years of service to the  
4 congregation; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Abilene, Reverend Brown was born to  
6 Grant and Faye Brown; he attended Macedonia Baptist Church under  
7 the leadership of the late Reverend T. G. Oliphant and graduated  
8 from Abilene High School; and

9           WHEREAS, He earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Christian  
10 University and his master's degree from Amberton University; he is  
11 also a licensed funeral director; and

12           WHEREAS, In November 1993, Reverend Brown answered the call  
13 to preach under the leadership of the founding pastor of Sweet Home  
14 Baptist Church, the Reverend Roy W. Bivens, Sr.; in March 1995,  
15 Reverend Brown was installed as the second pastor in the history of  
16 the church; and

17           WHEREAS, Pastor Brown has been responsible for the overall  
18 operation of the church, preaching, teaching, leading the  
19 congregation in its spiritual growth and development, and assisting  
20 members with spiritual and personal concerns; he also represents  
21 the church at all levels of convention and association involvement  
22 and established the Abundant Life Ministry to help the less  
23 fortunate; and

24           WHEREAS, In addition to his years of service at Sweet Home

1 Baptist, Pastor Brown is the moderator of the Progressive West  
2 Texas Baptist District Association and currently serves as  
3 financial secretary of the minister's conference of the National  
4 Missionary Baptist Convention of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Brown has been blessed with a loving wife,  
6 the former Jarilyn S. Scott, two children, Carey and Jessica, and  
7 two grandchildren, Devyn Michele and Deion James; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown has led Sweet Home Baptist Church  
9 with compassion, wisdom, and insight, and he has earned the lasting  
10 respect and admiration of his congregants; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend James C. Brown on his  
13 14th pastoral anniversary with Sweet Home Baptist Church and extend  
14 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Reverend Brown as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2800

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2800 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House