

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 389

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Harris County Historical Commission in paying tribute to the Reverend Ned P. Pullum, whose life will be commemorated with the placement of an official Texas State Historical Marker at his home in the Freedmen's Town community; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Ned Pullum was an influential African American pastor who moved to Houston in 1896; he was born in Pickensville, Alabama, circa 1861; he was ordained a Baptist minister by 1889 and accepted the pastorate of Antioch Baptist Church in Beaumont in 1895; and

**WHEREAS**, After moving to Houston, he served briefly as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church; he then organized Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and served as its spiritual leader for 24 years until his health failed; he died on June 18, 1927, and was buried in Houston's College Park Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a dedicated leader in the community; he helped establish Houston's Colored Carnegie Library, and he contributed to Union Hospital, a medical facility founded and operated for black doctors; he was a member of Magnolia Masonic Lodge 3; he was also a successful entrepreneur; he owned real estate, founded Pullum Standard Brick Works, and operated People's Pride Shoe Repair and two pharmacies; and

**WHEREAS**, The placement of a Texas Historical Marker at the home of the Reverend Ned P. Pullum will signify for future generations the many valuable contributions he made to the progress of the Freedmen's Town community, the City of Houston, and this state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby honor the life of the Reverend Ned P. Pullum and extend best wishes to his descendants and the Harris County Historical Commission for a memorable Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this historic occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 9, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate