

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 884**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Reverend David L. Everson, Sr., on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as pastor of First Union Baptist Church in Galveston, which is being celebrated May 17, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the last 10 years, Reverend Everson has ministered faithfully to the temporal and spiritual needs of countless people; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Reverend Everson's inspirational guidance, First Union Baptist Church has provided enlightenment, hope, and support to the Galveston community; this dedicated minister has overseen the ordination of three ministers and three deacons, with more soon to follow in their path; and

**WHEREAS**, Dedicated to helping others, Reverend Everson has led the way as First Union Baptist Church has undertaken to improve its facilities, repairing Hall's Chapel and the church parsonage and initiating renovations in the wake of Hurricane Ike; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Reverend Everson has performed countless ceremonies and has prayed with and counseled his congregation in times of hardship and bereavement and rejoiced with them in times of prosperity and celebration; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby join the members of First Union Baptist Church in commending Reverend David L. Everson, Sr., on his decade of joyful service to his church and community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate