## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 993

WHEREAS, The first annual reunion of the family of Mary Proctor Foster in Fort Worth in July 2009 is a fitting opportunity to celebrate the life and achievements of one of the family's distinguished elders, Dr. J. D. Foster; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mary Proctor Foster and Robert Foster, J. D. Foster was born in Kerens on April 14, 1925; he moved to Fort Worth in 1942, and he has gone on to reside in Minnesota and several communities in Texas, and he now lives in Humble; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Foster is currently married to Delores Henderson, and he is the father to 10 children and has 43 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Foster served his nation as a sergeant in the United States Army, and he has worked as a farmer, a carpenter, a courier, and a butcher at the Armour Packing Plant; and

WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, he has for many years been a pastor of the Church of God in Christ for congregations in Duluth and Minneapolis in Minnesota and in Frost, Texas; he has also pastored churches in Houston and Cleveland, Texas; he has been a police chaplain and a district superintendent, and he holds an honorary doctorate in divinity; and

WHEREAS, J. D. Foster is a venerated member of the Foster family, and it is most fitting that he be honored on the occasion of the first annual Foster family reunion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Dr. J. D. Foster and extend to him and his extended family sincere best wishes for continued happiness and for a memorable and meaningful celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Foster as an expression of high regard 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 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate