

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Billy L. Bell for his many years of service in the gospel ministry and to his community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Billy Bell began preaching on July 23, 1979; he organized the Judea Missionary Baptist Church in 1986 and served as pastor for 11 years, during which time the church grew from six members to 300 members; and

WHEREAS, He is currently the senior pastor at New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, where he began serving in 1997, and he is well known for his organizational and administrative skills; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bell graduated from Faith Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, in 2002 and received a doctorate in ministry in 2005; he has held leadership roles in several churchwide institutes over the years, serving as organizer, president, and director; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Billy L. Bell is a man of deep faith and devotion whose ministerial leadership has had a positive influence on the lives of many Christians; he is being honored at the Frank Ray Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, on July 7, 2011, for his 32 years of service and his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Billy L. Bell for his service to his church and his community and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of highest 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 June 22, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate