

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 275

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of Bethany First Baptist Church in San  
2 Antonio joined together on November 14, 2010, to honor the Reverend  
3 Dr. Ronald Benson and Sister Lillian R. Benson for 30 years of  
4 dedicated service to that congregation; and

5           WHEREAS, A San Antonio native, Pastor Benson graduated from  
6 Sam Houston High School and earned a bachelor's degree from St.  
7 Mary's University in 1970; he went on to attain a bachelor's degree  
8 in theology from Guadalupe Baptist Theological Seminary and a law  
9 degree from St. Mary's, receiving both in 1973; Pastor Benson has  
10 worked as an attorney for more than 30 years, while Sister Benson  
11 teaches first grade at Neal Elementary School in San Antonio; and

12           WHEREAS, Reverend Benson founded Bethany First Baptist  
13 Church in 1980 and has seen the congregation grow from 10 members to  
14 more than 200; its ministries are devoted to an array of causes,  
15 including efforts to reach out to the elderly and the sick as well  
16 as initiatives to collect food and clothing for the needy and for  
17 charitable groups; and

18           WHEREAS, In addition to their years of service at Bethany  
19 First Baptist, Pastor Benson and his wife have also served as foster  
20 parents for two children; moreover, Pastor Benson chaired the  
21 political action committee for the Baptist Ministers Union, which,  
22 along with other community organizations, provided key support for  
23 the adoption of a state holiday celebrating the birthday of Dr.  
24 Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

1           WHEREAS, Reverend and Sister Benson have led Bethany First  
2 Baptist Church with conviction and compassion, and they have earned  
3 the lasting respect and admiration of their congregants as well as  
4 members of the greater community; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commend the Reverend Dr. Ronald Benson and  
7 Sister Lillian R. Benson for their 30 years of outstanding service  
8 to Bethany First Baptist Church and extend to them sincere best  
9 wishes for continued success with their important work; and, be it  
10 further

11          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Reverend and Sister Benson as an expression of high  
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.