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H.R. No. 339

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Odessa are
2 gathering on February 13, 2011, to celebrate the installation of
3 their new pastor, Ray D. Hicks; and

4 WHEREAS, Since assuming the pulpit in October 2010, Pastor
5 Hicks has brought energy and enthusiasm to his new post and has
6 helped to foster the growth of church membership; he moved to West
7 Texas from Austin, where he served at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist
8 Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Bethlehem Baptist Church was founded in 1959 by the
10 Reverend R. S. Sutton; the congregation benefited from Reverend
11 Sutton's able leadership for more than half a century, and the
12 tradition of dedicated service that he established continues today
13 under the direction of Pastor Hicks; and

14 WHEREAS, The installation of Pastor Hicks marks the beginning
15 of a momentous new chapter in the life of this notable house of
16 worship, and members of the congregation may indeed look forward to
17 many years of worship and fellowship under his guidance; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Ray D. Hicks on his installation as
21 pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Odessa and extend to him
22 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Pastor Hicks as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.