

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 347

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joseph C. Walsh, Jr., retired as minister of Laurel  
2 Street Church of Christ in San Antonio, concluding a career in the  
3 pulpit that spanned more than four decades; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Kansas City, Kansas, to Joseph and Opal  
5 Walsh, Joseph Walsh was baptized at Revere Street Church of Christ  
6 in San Francisco; he went on to become a gospel minister and to  
7 serve at churches throughout the country, including West Adams  
8 Church of Christ and Eastside Church of Christ in Los Angeles,  
9 Southside Church of Christ in Tucson, and Coconut Grove Church of  
10 Christ in Miami; in 1999, he was named to lead Laurel Street Church  
11 of Christ, where he has put in place a 10-year plan for church  
12 growth and property development that includes a bilingual ministry,  
13 a successful youth program, and an annual health fair; and

14           WHEREAS, Brother Walsh is dedicated to community outreach and  
15 has been involved in Campaign for Christ and Head Start, as well as  
16 a prison and a Spanish ministry, among others; in addition, he has  
17 shared his faith with the citizens of Guyana and of numerous  
18 Caribbean countries; and

19           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Brother Walsh enjoys the  
20 love and support of his wife, the former Wilma D. Thompson, with  
21 whom he has shared more than half a century, and he is the proud  
22 father of four children; and

23           WHEREAS, An inspiring and devoted leader, Brother Joseph  
24 Walsh contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of

1 Laurel Street Church of Christ, and his legacy will continue to  
2 resonate within this house of worship for many years to come; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Joseph C. Walsh, Jr., on his  
6 retirement from the ministry and extend to him sincere best wishes  
7 for continued happiness; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Brother Walsh as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.