

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The dedication of Hoise Bell Chapel in Forest Hill
2 provides a fitting occasion on which to pay tribute to this esteemed
3 clergyman; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Caldwell, Reverend Bell was born in 1930
5 and graduated from Stafford High School in Italy, Texas; he joined
6 the U.S. Army and served his country in the Vietnam and Korean Wars,
7 earning the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his valiant actions;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, During a distinguished 26-year tenure in the
10 military, Reverend Bell served as a teacher at the Officer
11 Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia, and as an instructor of
12 military science at The University of Texas at Arlington; he
13 pursued his own higher education in California at the University of
14 Menlo Park, and in the Lone Star State at Central Texas College and
15 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; for many years, he
16 taught military science in the Junior ROTC Program at MacArthur
17 High School in Irving; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Bell began his pastoral work at New Hope
19 Baptist Church in Seaside, California; he went on to lead St. John
20 Baptist Church in Smith, Alabama, and New Hope Baptist Church in
21 Irving before joining Berea Baptist Church in Forest Hill; for 26
22 years, he committed himself to serving the latter congregation, and
23 during that time he established five ministries in an effort to
24 inspire spiritual growth; and

1 WHEREAS, Hoise Bell has long been a blessing in the lives of
2 others, and the chapel named for him will serve as an inspiring
3 reminder of the many good works and deeds that one person can
4 accomplish; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Pastor Emeritus Hoise Bell of Berea
7 Baptist Church on the dedication of the Hoise Bell Chapel and extend
8 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1024

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1024 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House