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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.