SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1146

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Reverend Chris Osborne on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ministry at Central Baptist Church of Bryan-College Station, which is being celebrated in August of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Osborne came to Central Baptist Church as senior pastor on August 12, 1986; under his exceptional leadership, the church has become the largest in the Brazos Valley, with some 3,500 members, and it has relocated and expanded onto a new 114-acre campus; and

WHEREAS, Inspirational and dedicated to helping others, beloved pastor has been an active leader in the this Bryan-College Station area, serving on the board of the College Station Medical Center and as chaplain for the Bryan Police Department; he has also served as president of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and on the executive board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Reverend Osborne has performed countless ceremonies and has prayed with and counseled his congregation during times of hardship and bereavement and rejoiced with them in times of prosperity and celebration; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished scholar and theologian, he has had a profound influence on his community and in the lives of countless people; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd

Legislature, hereby commend Reverend Chris Osborne on 25 years of exceptional service as pastor of Central Baptist Church and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate