

By: Giddings

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Raymond A. Basye, Sr., has been named a Senior Saint
2 of Wisdom by St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church of
3 Dallas, and this esteemed Texan is indeed a source of inspiration to
4 many; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1913, Raymond Basye lived most of his life in
6 St. Louis, Missouri, before moving to Dallas several years ago; he
7 served his country in the United States military, rising to the rank
8 of staff sergeant in the army, and spent four decades as a postal
9 worker, becoming one of the first African American postal
10 supervisors in St. Louis; he also distinguished himself as an
11 entrepreneur in sales and merchandising, and his son carries on the
12 family business today; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Basye loves to tell stories about his
14 experiences in Germany during World War II and his subsequent
15 return to the United States, as well as about his youth in the
16 1920s, including his memory of riding the train to Washington,
17 D.C., and seeing Herbert Hoover sworn in as president; he returned
18 to the nation's capital in 2012, when he was honored along with
19 about 40 other North Texas veterans with a two-day trip to
20 Washington, paid for as part of a veterans appreciation effort; and

21 WHEREAS, Raymond Basye has witnessed a panorama of historic
22 change over the course of nearly a century, and it is a pleasure to
23 join in recognizing him on a life well lived; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Raymond A. Basye, Sr., on his
2 selection as a Senior Saint of Wisdom by St. Luke "Community"
3 United Methodist Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for
4 continued happiness; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. Basye as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.