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H.R. No. 587

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Suzii Paynter is retiring from the Baptist General
2 Convention of Texas on March 1, 2013, following distinguished
3 tenures as director of the Christian Life Commission and the
4 Advocacy and Care Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Paynter joined the Christian Life Commission as
6 director of public policy in 2001; she became director of the
7 commission in 2006 and director of the Advocacy and Care Center in
8 2011; as head of the CLC, she has led efforts to address a wide range
9 of concerns: from food policy, hunger, and child and maternal
10 nutrition to life issues, foster care, juvenile justice, predatory
11 gambling, predatory lending practices, immigration, human
12 trafficking, education, and energy; she has also overseen such
13 far-reaching programs as the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering, which
14 funds hundreds of hunger-relief projects both in Texas and around
15 the world, and chaplaincy relations, which involves the work of 700
16 chaplains serving in the Advocacy and Care Center; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the Baptist General
18 Convention of Texas, Ms. Paynter has been involved in interfaith
19 efforts to shape public policy through her membership in the Bread
20 for the World steering committee, her participation in the
21 Evangelical Environmental Network, and her affiliation with the
22 Religion and Foreign Policy network of the Council on Foreign
23 Relations; and

24 WHEREAS, Before joining the BGCT, Ms. Paynter was engaged in

1 promoting literacy for 25 years in a number of professional
2 capacities, including as a literacy coordinator in the public
3 schools, as a consultant, and as an educational publishing
4 executive; and

5 WHEREAS, The recipient of many well-deserved accolades, this
6 esteemed Texan has been honored by the North American Association
7 of Christians in Social Work, the Baptist Center for Ethics, the
8 Criminal Justice Coalition, the AARP, the Sierra Club, Samaritan
9 Counseling Centers, and Texans Standing Tall; in 2012, Dallas
10 Baptist University conferred on her an honorary Doctor of
11 Humanities degree; and

12 WHEREAS, Suzii Paynter has brought deeply caring, committed,
13 and energetic leadership to bear on issues crucial to the
14 well-being of all Texans, and her exceptional efforts will continue
15 to resonate throughout the Lone Star State for years to come; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby commend Suzii Paynter for her exemplary service
19 with the Christian Life Commission and the Advocacy and Care Center
20 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and extend to her sincere
21 best wishes for continued success in all of her endeavors; and, be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Ms. Paynter as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.