

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 746**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III on the occasion of his 30th anniversary as pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, which is being celebrated April 28, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the exceptional leadership of this charismatic orator and dedicated pastor, the congregation of Friendship-West Baptist Church has grown from 500 members to more than 12,000; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the last 30 years, Dr. Haynes has ministered faithfully to the temporal and spiritual needs of countless people; in addition to his work as a pastor, he has played an invaluable role in his community through his efforts to address issues of social justice and equality; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Haynes has provided guidance and leadership on such concerns as predatory payday lending, unjust enrollment policies for health insurance, wrongful convictions and disproportional incarceration rates, and complaints regarding equal opportunity rights in employment; to improve the lives of the people in his congregation and in the community, he has worked with elected officials and with such organizations as the Innocence Project of Texas, the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, the Anti-Poverty Coalition, and United Way; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Haynes has had a profound impact on his church and his community, and it is truly fitting that he be recognized as he reaches this milestone in his life and his career; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III on his outstanding achievements and extend to him best wishes for a memorable celebration in honor of his 30th year as pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem 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 April 23, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate