

By: Sheffield

H.R. No. 914

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the clergy dedicate themselves to the
2 spiritual education and enrichment of others, and Pastor Shannon D.
3 McMullen of Bible Way Missionary Baptist Church in Copperas Cove
4 has long demonstrated his commitment to that worthy goal; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor McMullen became an ordained deacon while
6 stationed in Erlangen, Germany, with the United States military;
7 after returning home, he preached his first sermon in 1978, and on
8 January 21, 1980, he established Bible Way Missionary Baptist;
9 under his steady guidance, the church has acquired a 14-acre campus
10 and constructed both a sanctuary and an education building; Pastor
11 McMullen has also overseen the formation of ministries that provide
12 critical support to the church and its mission and that offer
13 members of the congregation welcome opportunities for fellowship
14 and spiritual growth; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to playing an instrumental role in the
16 growth and development of Bible Way MBC, Pastor McMullen has given
17 freely of his time and talents to a number of denominational and
18 clerical organizations; he is past president of the Bell County
19 Ministerial Alliance of Killeen/Copperas Cove and past chair of the
20 Evangelical Board of the Good Hope Western District Association of
21 Waco, and he is a member of several mission boards; and

22 WHEREAS, This civic-minded leader also founded the Copperas
23 Cove Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee, which has
24 organized an annual march and commemoration service since 1999; at

1 the January 2013 service, Pastor McMullen was honored by the
2 Greater Killeen Pastors Fellowship with its first Soldier of
3 Freedom Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor McMullen was born in Eupora, Mississippi, and
5 graduated from Eupora High School; he went on to earn a bachelor's
6 degree in social science and history and a bachelor's degree in
7 criminal justice and rehabilitation services; he received his
8 master's degree in divinity from Southwest Baptist Theological
9 Seminary, where he is currently a doctoral candidate in theology
10 and divinity; and

11 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Pastor McMullen enjoys the
12 love and support of his wife, Anne, and their son, Shawn DeMeras
13 McMullen; and

14 WHEREAS, Success in leading a church requires a tremendous
15 commitment of time, an ability to inspire congregants through words
16 and deeds, and an unwavering belief in the importance of faith, and
17 Pastor Shannon McMullen truly exemplifies the highest standards of
18 his vocation; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Pastor Shannon D. McMullen for his many
21 years of service to Bible Way Missionary Baptist Church and extend
22 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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