

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1263

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the inspirational  
2 leadership of Bishop J. Neaul Haynes of Dallas, who passed away on  
3 March 9, 2015, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, James Neaul Haynes was born in Denton on August 8,  
5 1931, to F. L. and Ola Mae Haynes; he graduated as valedictorian of  
6 Fred Moore High School and attended the University of Denver and  
7 North Texas State University, where he earned his bachelor's  
8 degree; he pursued his graduate studies at Dallas Theological  
9 Seminary, and he later received an honorary doctor of laws degree  
10 from Texas College; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop Haynes answered the call to the ministry in  
12 1949, and he was ordained in the Church of God in Christ in 1952;  
13 over the next 27 years, he served as pastor at a number of churches  
14 in North Texas, including Open Door Church of God in Christ in  
15 Pampa, St. Emmanuel Church of God in Christ in Denison, Jackson  
16 Memorial Church of God in Christ in Wichita Falls, and Wheatley  
17 Church of God in Christ and Haynes Chapel Church of God in Christ in  
18 Dallas; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1979, Bishop Haynes was appointed as pastor of  
20 Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ, and over the course  
21 of more than three and a half decades, he wholeheartedly committed  
22 his talents and energies to advancing the mission of the  
23 congregation; he continued to guide the church up until his death;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to his work with Saintsville Sanctuary,  
2 Bishop Haynes contributed to the Church of God in Christ as a member  
3 of the Texas Northeast Jurisdictional Trustee Board, and he further  
4 distinguished himself as administrative assistant to the  
5 jurisdictional bishop and as prelate of the Texas Northeast  
6 Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction; at the national level, he served on  
7 the Church of God in Christ Trustee Board and General Board, and in  
8 2007 he was appointed as first assistant presiding bishop; and

9           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Bishop Haynes enjoyed the  
10 love and support of his wife, Vivian, with whom he shared many  
11 rewarding years of marriage; he was devoted to his children, Pia and  
12 Vrai, and he later knew the joy of welcoming into his cherished  
13 family four grandchildren, Darius, J. Neaul, Chandler, and D'Aria;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Over the course of more than six decades in the  
16 ministry, this esteemed clergyman exemplified the highest  
17 standards of his vocation, and his community of faith will long  
18 benefit from his dedicated service; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Neaul Haynes  
21 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
22 wife, Vivian Haynes; to his daughters, Pia Haynes Williams and her  
23 husband, Reginald, and Vrai Haynes Morris; to his grandchildren,  
24 Darius Morris, J. Neaul Williams, Chandler Williams, and D'Aria  
25 Morris; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
26 further

27           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bishop J.  
3 Neaul Haynes.