

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Patrick Rucker, pastor at Koinonia
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, is serving as Pastor of the Day
3 for the Texas House of Representatives on May 11, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Rucker earned a bachelor's degree in music
5 education from Central Methodist University and a master's degree
6 in education administration from Texas A&M University--Commerce;
7 he later enrolled at Aspen Theological Seminary, where he completed
8 his doctorate in urban ministries; and

9 WHEREAS, After accepting the call to the ministry in 1984,
10 Pastor Rucker preached his first sermon as an associate minister at
11 King Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado; he continued his
12 ministerial journey in Dallas, where he served as interim pastor at
13 Paradise Missionary Baptist Church and as assistant pastor at
14 Greater El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, This respected clergyman was installed as pastor of
16 Koinonia Missionary Baptist in 2006, and during his tenure, he has
17 helped develop the Women of Purpose ministry, the Christian
18 Education Department, and the Mid-Week Family Fellowship, as well
19 as dance, culinary, health care, hospitality, and management and
20 budget ministries; he has also played an instrumental role in the
21 success of the Christmas Benefit program; and

22 WHEREAS, Pastor Rucker has further distinguished himself
23 through his involvement in a number of religious organizations; a
24 member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, he has served as

1 chair of finance and vice moderator of the Northwestern District
2 Association of Baptist Churches, as regional assistant for the
3 Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas, and as a
4 board member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Pastor Patrick Rucker has inspired
6 countless Texans with his message of grace and goodwill, and it is a
7 pleasure to welcome him to this chamber; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Patrick Rucker for his service as
10 Pastor of the Day and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
11 future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Dr. Rucker as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

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Anchia	Harless	Peña
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Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Harris
Farias	Miles	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miller of Comal	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Villalba
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Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 2274

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2274 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House