

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2274

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.