

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr., senior pastor at Light of
2 the World Church of Christ in Dallas, is serving as Pastor of the
3 Day for the Texas House of Representatives on April 29, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Ervin Seamster earned a bachelor's degree from
5 Southwestern Christian College and a master of divinity degree from
6 the Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology; he
7 later enrolled at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio,
8 where he completed his doctor of ministry degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Accepting the call to ministry in 1985, Dr. Seamster
10 preached his first sermon the following year; he went on to serve as
11 minister of the Marsalis Avenue Church of Christ in Dallas, and in
12 1999, he founded the Light of the World Church of Christ; over the
13 course of his tenure as senior pastor, he has overseen a dramatic
14 growth of the congregation and the development of nearly 25
15 ministries; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Seamster has further distinguished himself
17 through his notable career in academia; he joined the faculty of
18 Abilene Christian University in 1999 and taught courses in Old
19 Testament theology and urban ministry in the 21st century for
20 several years; moreover, he earned the distinction of becoming the
21 first African American to be appointed as special assistant to the
22 school's president, and in that position, he recruited gifted
23 scholars of color for the doctoral fellows program for minority
24 faculty members; in addition, he is a cofounder of Northwest

1 Preparatory School in Houston, and he has served that institution
2 as board president and as president emeritus; he has also given
3 generously of his time and talents in behalf of Southwestern
4 Christian College, raising funds for the school through the Fab
5 Five Revival and uniting ministries across the nation through the
6 One in Christ Conference; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Ervin Seamster has inspired many with his
8 message of faith, hope, and fellowship, and we are indeed fortunate
9 to have him with us today; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr. for his service
12 as Pastor of the Day and extend to him sincere best wishes for
13 continued success with his important work; and, be it further

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

Johnson

H.R. No. 2355

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2355 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House