

By: Johnson

H.R. No. 2355

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr., senior
2 pastor at Light of the World Church of Christ in Dallas, is serving
3 as Pastor of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives on April
4 29, 2015; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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