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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Christian Bible Church in Missouri City
2 are gathering on September 24, 2017, to celebrate their church's
3 31st anniversary and to express gratitude to their senior pastor,
4 the Reverend Rudolph White Jr., for his more than three decades of
5 service to that congregation; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the auspices of Southway Baptist Church,
7 Pastor White organized Christian Bible Church as an independent
8 entity in 1986; the new church's inaugural service was held on April
9 6 of that year, with 10 individuals in attendance; early on, the
10 congregation worshipped in a storefront on South Braeswood
11 Boulevard in Houston, and it later met at Hunters Glen Elementary
12 School in Missouri City; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1994, Christian Bible Church built its own
14 sanctuary on land along Highway 2234; the church eventually outgrew
15 that site, and in 2012 it moved to a new, 40,000-square-foot
16 facility on Texas Parkway in Missouri City; the campus today
17 includes a bookstore, gymnasium, playscape, and café, as well as
18 administrative offices and classrooms; and

19 WHEREAS, In the decades since the church's founding, its
20 members have greatly benefited from Pastor White's deep faith,
21 powerful preaching, and visionary leadership; this esteemed
22 minister holds a bachelor's degree from the College of Biblical
23 Studies in Houston and a master's degree from Faith Evangelical
24 College & Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, and he has continued his

1 studies at Luther Rice College & Seminary and Southwestern Baptist
2 Theological Seminary; and

3 WHEREAS, Pastor White gives generously of his time and
4 talents as president of the Fort Bend County Pastors Association,
5 and he works with Fort Bend Interfaith to support initiatives
6 designed to improve local schools; in all his endeavors, he is
7 blessed with the love and encouragement of his wife, Valarie, who
8 assists him in his ministry; and

9 WHEREAS, Countless Missouri City residents have looked to
10 Christian Bible Church and Pastor White for spiritual guidance over
11 the years, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing the
12 church and its founder at this time; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 31st
15 anniversary of Christian Bible Church and honor the Reverend
16 Rudolph White Jr. for his long service as its senior pastor; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.