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H.R. No. 303

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Fort Worth community gathered on
2 March 3, 2017, for a banquet celebrating the 60th birthday of Pastor
3 Bruce D. Datcher of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Before being called to the ministry in 2001, Bruce
5 Datcher worked to serve underrepresented individuals in North
6 Central Texas as a young entrepreneur; in 2003, he became interim
7 pastor of the Ebenezer MBC, and he was installed as pastor a year
8 later; during his tenure, he has done an exceptional job of guiding
9 the church's many outreach programs, and he was instrumental in the
10 establishment of the church's mentorship and college assistance
11 programs as well as the planning and development of the Brighter
12 Outlook Community Center; this 15,000-square-foot site offers a
13 variety of services for senior citizens and benefits hundreds of
14 children each year by providing them with healthy meals, school
15 supplies, clothing, and holiday gifts; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Datcher also gives generously of his time and
17 talents to assist the Paul Laurence Dunbar Young Men's Leadership
18 Academy, the mayor of Fort Worth's Faith Leader Cabinet, and the
19 YMCA Strategy Team for Southeast Fort Worth; in addition, he serves
20 as general secretary of the Texas State Missionary Baptist
21 Convention and as senior chaplain to the Dallas County Precinct 1
22 constable's office; and

23 WHEREAS, Pastor Datcher has been recognized with the IMA
24 Young Preacher of the Year Award and the R. E. Price Community

1 Service Award; he holds a bachelor's degree in biblical studies
2 from Aspen Christian College and a master's degree from Aspen
3 Theological Seminary; and

4 WHEREAS, With the passage of this birthday milestone, Bruce
5 Datcher may reflect with pride on his wide-ranging accomplishments
6 and on the many significant contributions he has made in behalf of
7 his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Pastor Bruce
10 D. Datcher on his 60th birthday and extend to him sincere best
11 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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