

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
2 in Fort Worth celebrated the installation of their pastor, the
3 Reverend Marcus R. McDonald, on March 12, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Corsicana, Marcus McDonald attended Fort
5 Worth ISD schools and graduated in the top two percent of his class
6 from Green B. Trimble Technical High School; he earned his
7 associate degree from Tarrant County College and has gone on to
8 study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1989, he became a member of New Rising Star
10 Missionary Baptist Church; there, he witnessed the dynamic
11 preaching and leadership style of Pastor Isadore Edwards Jr., which
12 proved to be a formative experience in his development as a
13 clergyman; through the years, he has generously shared his time and
14 talents to benefit the congregation, serving 2 terms as youth
15 director, 5 years as minister of evangelism, and 16 years as a
16 church school teacher; and

17 WHEREAS, Marcus McDonald was ordained to preach on March 24,
18 2002; he served as assistant to Pastor Edwards from 2004 to 2015,
19 and on the pastor's retirement, he became the interim pastor,
20 fulfilling that role until his selection by the church family to
21 assume the pulpit permanently; and

22 WHEREAS, While contributing to his community of faith, Pastor
23 McDonald has enjoyed a successful career in banking, which has
24 included work as a loan officer, branch manager, and regional

1 strategic consultant; in all his endeavors, he has been blessed
2 with the support and affection of his beloved wife, Vera, and their
3 two children, Kendall and Zachry; and

4 WHEREAS, The appointment of Pastor McDonald marks the
5 beginning of an exciting new chapter in the history of New Rising
6 Star, and members of the congregation may indeed look forward to
7 deepening their faith and continuing their good works under his
8 spiritual guidance; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend
11 Marcus McDonald on his installation as pastor of New Rising Star
12 Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for
13 the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 304

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 304 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House