

By: Burkett

H.R. No. 497

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 25 years, the Reverend Rocky D. Pope has
2 wholeheartedly committed himself to advancing the mission of Mimosa
3 Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Pope has guided the church since 1992, and
5 under his leadership, the congregation has flourished; each year,
6 he conducts an average of 50 baptisms, and the church has added
7 facilities to meet the needs of its growing membership; the Lillie
8 B. White Preschool/Children's Building was constructed in 1996, and
9 the newly expanded worship center was completed in 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, With a strong commitment to multiethnic and
11 cross-cultural outreach, Reverend Pope has expanded the church's
12 evangelism internationally; the congregation supports missions to
13 Mexico, Africa, India, Brazil, and the Philippines, and it has
14 assisted in establishing churches in Canada and in the Dallas
15 Metroplex; in the local community, it maintains such valuable
16 initiatives as a deaf ministry, a counseling center, and an ESL and
17 literacy program, as well as many charitable efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Pope is moderator of the Dallas Baptist
19 Association executive board, and he has served the association in
20 many other capacities, among them vice president of the Pastors'
21 Conference; in addition, he served for six years as a trustee of
22 East Texas Baptist University, and his affiliations include the
23 Mesquite and Princeton Ministerial Alliances and the Grayson and
24 Collin Associations; and

1 WHEREAS, The son of a Baptist pastor, Reverend Pope completed
2 his bachelor's degree in religion at East Texas Baptist University
3 and his master's degree in religious education at Southwestern
4 Baptist Theological Seminary; he began his career in the ministry
5 as associate pastor at Mambrino Baptist Church in Granbury and went
6 on to serve as pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Princeton and then
7 North Park Baptist Church in Sherman; in all his endeavors, he
8 enjoys the support and encouragement of his wife, Dawn, and he is
9 the proud father of a daughter, Leah, and a son, Luke; and

10 WHEREAS, This inspiring clergyman has led Mimosa Lane Baptist
11 Church with conviction and compassion, and he has earned the
12 lasting respect and admiration of his congregants as well as
13 members of the greater community; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend the Reverend Rocky
16 D. Pope for his outstanding 25-year tenure with Mimosa Lane Baptist
17 Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
18 with his important work; and, be it further

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