

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

WHEREAS, Dr. Steve Packer retired as pastor of First Baptist Church of Pittsburg on April 16, 2017, following 22 years of committed service to that congregation; and

WHEREAS, Brother Packer assumed the pulpit at First Baptist Church of Pittsburg in 1995 and went on to guide the church through a number of transformations, including the addition of more than 10 acres of property and its Lighthouse building, Family Life Center, and Life Solutions Counseling Center; and

WHEREAS, Before joining the church, Brother Packer spent nearly a quarter century pastoring in Dallas, Pasadena, and McGregor, and he also worked for the Dallas Baptist Association as the administrator of its Mount Lebanon Baptist Encampment; he has given of his time and talents to the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Harmony Pittsburg Baptist Association as well as the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Blessed in all his endeavors with the love and encouragement of his wife, Donna, Brother Packer takes immense pride in their three children, Janet, David, and Daniel, and in their nine grandchildren; an alumnus of Howard Payne University, he holds a doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, This inspiring clergyman led First Baptist Church of Pittsburg with conviction and compassion, and he has earned the lasting respect and admiration of his congregants and members of the wider community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Steve Packer on his retirement as pastor of First Baptist Church of Pittsburg and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Pastor Packer as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 10, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate