

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

WHEREAS, Bobby Glenn Tucker marked his 50th anniversary in the ministry on July 29, 2017, at his home church, Rose Hill Baptist Church near Mineola; and

WHEREAS, Now the associate pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, Bobby Tucker attended Rose Hill Baptist as a boy; called to the ministry when he was only 12, he delivered his first sermon the following year, and as a 14-year-old, he conducted his first wedding service, for his sister, Betty Gamble, and her husband, Tom; as a teen, he found many opportunities to preach and minister in Wood County, even filling in while Hainesville Baptist Church was without a pastor for more than a year; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Tucker graduated from Mineola High School in 1973 and traveled extensively as Texas FFA president and national FFA president before going on to attend Texas A&M University; as a student, he was active in reviving the college ministry at Beacon Baptist Church in Bryan, and after graduating in 1979, he entered the Baptist Missionary Association and served as a youth minister at Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, this esteemed clergyman served as youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas; he worked for the state Baptist Missionary Association and then accepted a position in the youth department for the national association, based in Texarkana; returning to Texas A&M University around the turn of the century, he completed his master's degree while also serving as an assistant director of student activities and advisor to the student government association; subsequently,

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he was director of the Association of Baptist Students for a number of years; he then worked briefly in Washington, D.C., before joining Antioch Baptist in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of a half century, Pastor Tucker has set an inspiring example of faith in action, and countless are those who have benefited from his guidance, wise counsel, and able leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Bobby Tucker on his 50th anniversary in the ministry and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Pastor Tucker 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 15, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate