

By: Faircloth

H.R. No. 302

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Danny Bidy of Old River Baptist Church
2 retired on January 29, 2017, concluding 40 years of dedicated
3 service to that congregation; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of East Texas Baptist University and
5 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pastor Bidy assumed
6 the pulpit of Old River Baptist in 1977, and throughout his tenure
7 there, he has enriched the lives not only of his flock but also of
8 residents in the Old River-Winfree area at large; his ministry has
9 included a weekly radio program and podcast, *Sharpening Our Souls*,
10 and a weekly column, "Little Bidy Bits," which has been serialized
11 online and in several local newspapers; in 2013, during the 83rd
12 Legislative Session, he was invited to the Capitol to give the
13 invocation in the House of Representatives and also in the Senate;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Pastor Bidy's commitment to his community has been
16 evidenced through his disaster assistance volunteer work with the
17 local Red Cross chapter, notably in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike
18 and the Bear Creek fire, when he guided both the relief and
19 restoration efforts; he is a member of the Chambers County Fair
20 Housing Workgroup, and he freely gives of his time to support the
21 Barbers Hill and Anahuac Independent School Districts; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Pastor Bidy enjoys the love
23 and support of a fine family that includes his wife, Dana, their two
24 sons, Jeff and his wife, Amy, and Mark and his wife, Jennifer, and

1 five grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, This inspiring clergyman has led Old River Baptist
3 Church with conviction and compassion, and he has earned the
4 lasting respect and admiration of his congregants as well as
5 members of the greater community; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Pastor Danny Bidy on his retirement after
8 40 years of outstanding service to Old River Baptist Church and
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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