

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Over the course of his life, Bishop George  
2 C. Sampleton of Inspiration Pentecostal Church of the Apostolic  
3 Faith in Bastrop has dedicated himself to serving both his faith and  
4 the cause of justice, and he is truly deserving of special  
5 recognition during Black History Month; and

6           WHEREAS, When he was a young man in 1965, during the height of  
7 the civil rights movement, Bishop Sampleton was one of the first  
8 African American students to integrate Gonzales High School; a  
9 ninth grader at the time, he endured harassment, verbal abuse, and  
10 the threat of violence with grace and fortitude; and

11           WHEREAS, For the past two decades, Bishop Sampleton has  
12 committed himself to a life of faith as pastor of Inspiration  
13 Pentecostal Church, tending to the needy, the hungry, the sick, and  
14 the housebound; he has founded a phone ministry and a jail ministry,  
15 and he has been a source of spiritual solace to many of his  
16 parishioners; and

17           WHEREAS, Elevated to bishop in 2016, this caring man of God  
18 has worked tirelessly to build a more just, compassionate, and  
19 inclusive society, and he is truly deserving of the high esteem in  
20 which he is held by all who know him; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby honor Bishop George C. Sampleton for his service  
23 to his church and his community on the occasion of Black History  
24 Month and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success

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1 and happiness; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for Bishop Sampleton as an expression of high regard by the  
4 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 517 was adopted by the House on March 2, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House