

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Fellowship of Enlightenment in
2 Houston are gathering on February 26, 2017, to honor Phyllis
3 Kennedy on her retirement as minister of music for that
4 congregation; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Milwaukee, Phyllis Kennedy has devoted
6 herself to her faith throughout her life; at the age of just 16, she
7 became the choir director of New Community Baptist Church in
8 Houston, where her father, the Reverend L. A. Kennedy, served as
9 pastor, and she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in divinity; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Kennedy has built an accomplished career in
11 music ministry that has spanned more than four decades; over the
12 years, she has distinguished herself by organizing the New Children
13 of Christ choir and founding the All Nations in Praise and
14 Impartation conferences; moreover, she has released several
15 well-received albums, including *I Am Determined*, *Gotta Keep on*
16 *Moving*, and *It's a Good Day*, and collaborated with such prominent
17 gospel artists as Yolanda Adams, Shirley Caesar, and Donnie
18 McClurkin; also known for her skills as a writer, she has authored
19 two books, *She Just Wanted to Preach* and *My Morning Worship and*
20 *Meditation*, as well as several plays; and

21 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Kennedy is blessed with
22 the love and encouragement of a fine family, including her two
23 daughters, LeKasha Garrett and her husband, Rod, and Airika Glaude
24 and her husband, Curry, and her four grandchildren, Mia, Myles,

1 Steven, and Kyren; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, this esteemed clergy member
3 has demonstrated a wholehearted commitment to her calling, using
4 music to greatly inspire the congregation of the Fellowship of
5 Enlightenment and the wider community of faith, and she may reflect
6 with pride on her achievements as she embarks on the next exciting
7 chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Phyllis Kennedy on her retirement
10 as minister of music from the Fellowship of Enlightenment and
11 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued happiness and
12 fulfillment; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ms. Kennedy as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.

Thompson of Harris

H.R. No. 535

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 535 was adopted by the House on
February 20, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House