

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, pastor of
2 Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, is serving as Pastor of
3 the Day for the Texas House of Representatives on March 17, 2017;
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5 WHEREAS, The son of the Reverend Frederick D. Haynes Jr. and
6 Lynetta Haynes-Oliver, Frederick Douglass Haynes III was born in
7 Dallas on November 10, 1960; after graduating from Abraham Lincoln
8 High School in San Francisco, he earned his bachelor's degree with
9 honors from Bishop College and his master's degree from
10 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; he later went on to
11 receive his doctorate in ministry from the Graduate Theological
12 Foundation and to study at Christ Church at Oxford University; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1983, Dr. Haynes has ably led Friendship-West
14 Baptist Church, and under his careful guidance, it has grown from a
15 group of fewer than 100 members into a flourishing congregation of
16 more than 12,000 worshippers; known for his social activism in the
17 Dallas community, he has been a passionate advocate for education
18 and has been deeply involved in initiatives to foster youth
19 development and to combat poverty and violence; and

20 WHEREAS, A highly respected figure nationally and
21 internationally, Dr. Haynes has led outreach and development
22 efforts in Africa and Haiti and has been called on to speak at a
23 number of high-profile events, including the 2011 Congressional
24 Black Caucus Prayer Breakfast and a 2013 memorial service for

1 Nelson Mandela; in addition to his other responsibilities, he lends
2 his time and talents to such organizations as the Samuel DeWitt
3 Proctor Conference, the Conference of National Black Churches, and
4 the National Action Network; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Haynes has inspired countless
6 people with his message of grace and goodwill, and it is a pleasure
7 to welcome him to this chamber; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III for his
10 service as Pastor of the Day and extend to him sincere best wishes
11 for the future; and, be it further

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

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 631

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 631 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House