

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 631

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.