

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Oscar D. Epps Sr., pastor of
2 Community Missionary Baptist Church in DeSoto, is serving as Pastor
3 of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives on April 27, 2017;
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5 WHEREAS, After graduating from Justin F. Kimball High School
6 in Dallas in 1985, Oscar Epps earned a four-year diploma from
7 Southern Bible Institute, a bachelor's degree in Christian
8 counseling from the School of Scriptures in Dallas, and a
9 bachelor's degree in Christian ministry from Dallas Baptist
10 University; he has also been awarded an honorary doctorate from the
11 Sure Foundation School of Scripture; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1993, Reverend Epps became the founding pastor of
13 Community Missionary Baptist Church, where he continues to serve as
14 senior pastor; in addition, he is the former president of the Texas
15 Baptist African American Fellowship and the moderator of the Dallas
16 Baptist Association, and he is also the first African American to
17 serve as chaplain for the DeSoto Police Department; and

18 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Reverend Epps served as
19 president of the Community Task Force of the Cedar Hill Independent
20 School District, which earned him the district's 2003-2004
21 Volunteer of the Year Award; he was also named 2004 YMCA Father of
22 the Year by the Greater Metropolitan YMCA; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Reverend Epps benefits from
24 the love and support of his wife, Belenthia, as well as that of his

1 three children, Destany, Oscar II, and Aderius, and his
2 grandchildren, Desman Manuel and Aerington Epps; and

3 WHEREAS, Ever since he was called to preach the Gospel in
4 1987, Reverend Epps has inspired countless people with his message
5 of grace and goodwill, and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome him to
6 this chamber; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor the Reverend Dr. Oscar D. Epps Sr. for his
9 service as Pastor of the Day and extend to him sincere best wishes
10 for the future; and, be it further

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

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 632

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 632 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House