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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend James P. Thompson Jr. of Mount Olive
Baptist Church in Arlington is serving as Pastor of the Day for the
Texas House of Representatives on April 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Reverend Thompson joined the staff of Mount Olive Baptist Church in 1984 as a minister; he became the youth pastor two years later, and he continued to serve in that role until 1994, when the church's senior pastor and congregation elected him pastor; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Thompson is a graduate of the University of 10 the District of Columbia and holds a master's degree in theological 11 studies from the Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University; 12 he also attended the Dallas Theological Seminary, and he has been 13 recognized for his ministry with an honorary doctorate of 14 humanities from the Southern Bible Institute, whose board he 15 currently chairs; and

16 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Reverend Thompson enjoys the 17 love and support of his wife, Lalita Thompson, and their four 18 children, Kanita, Jessica, James, and Megan; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend James Thompson has inspired countless people with his message of faith and goodwill, and it is a pleasure to welcome him to this chamber; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby recognize the Reverend James P. Thompson Jr. for his service as Pastor of the Day and extend to him sincere best

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1 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 633 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House