

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Elder Debra Battise-Kleinman of the Indian  
2 Presbyterian Church at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation  
3 served as Pastor of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives  
4 on May 2, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, The daughter of Shila Battise and the late Mikko  
6 Atokla Colabe Tuklo Emmett Battise of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe  
7 of Texas, Debra Battise-Kleinman spent her youth in New Summerfield  
8 and Rusk before moving to the Alabama-Coushatta reservation near  
9 Livingston with her family in 1972; and

10           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has been active in the  
11 Presbyterian Church on both the local and national level, and in  
12 2009 she completed The Institute for Pastoral Studies program  
13 through the Presbytery of the New Covenant to become the  
14 commissioned lay pastor and ruling elder at the reservation; and

15           WHEREAS, Before she was called to the ministry, Elder  
16 Battise-Kleinman enjoyed a successful career as an educator,  
17 working in the Tarkington Independent School District for 6 years  
18 and in the Goodrich district for another 21; she holds bachelor's  
19 and master's degrees in education from Stephen F. Austin State  
20 University; and

21           WHEREAS, Blessed with a treasured family, Elder  
22 Battise-Kleinman is the proud mother of a daughter, Krista, and she  
23 cherishes the time she spends with her two granddaughters, Katahna  
24 and Teagan; and

1           WHEREAS, Elder Battise-Kleinman exemplifies the highest  
2 standards of her vocation, and through the years, she has set an  
3 inspiring example of faith in action; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor Elder Debra Battise-Kleinman for her  
6 service as Pastor of the Day on May 2, 2017, and extend to her  
7 sincere best wishes for continued success and fulfillment; and, be  
8 it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Elder Battise-Kleinman as an expression of high regard  
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2133

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2133 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House