

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 2143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Matthew Robert Alix Sr., pastor of
2 Greater True Vine Baptist Church in Houston, has served as a source
3 of inspiration and spiritual guidance to countless individuals over
4 the course of his 60 years in the ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, Called to preach the gospel at the age of 17, Matthew
6 Alix attended the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist
7 Training Union Congress in 1957; after graduating from Jack Yates
8 High School, he earned bachelor and master of theology degrees from
9 the Inter-Baptist Theological Center as well as a certification in
10 mission training from Southern Bible College; for many years, he
11 has shared his passion for Christian education and discipleship in
12 his roles as a professor at Conroe College, as dean of Christian
13 education in the Puritan District Association of Texas, and as an
14 instructor at the National Baptist Congress; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1971, Reverend Alix embarked on his career as a
16 pastor at Yellowstone Boulevard Missionary Baptist Church, which he
17 led for 18 years before assuming the pulpit of Greater True Vine
18 Baptist Church; in addition to faithfully carrying out his duties
19 to his congregation, he serves as moderator of the Puritan District
20 Association of Texas and as a member of the Baptist Ministers
21 Association of Houston and Vicinity; the chairman emeritus of the
22 Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas' State Home Mission
23 Board, he serves as spiritual adviser of the organization's Bible
24 Band, as well as corresponding secretary of the National Missionary

1 Baptist Convention of America; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, this esteemed clergyman is
3 supported by his wife, Ruthie Jean, with whom he has shared 50
4 years, and their five children, Arthur, Matthew, Varetta, Marsha,
5 and Sharonda; he is further blessed with 13 grandchildren and 6
6 great-grandchildren, and he has served as a caring mentor to a
7 number of younger men in the ministry; and

8 WHEREAS, For six decades, Reverend Alix has exemplified the
9 highest standards of his vocation, and his efforts have earned him
10 the lasting admiration and respect of many; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby warmly congratulate the Reverend Matthew Robert
13 Alix Sr. on his 60 years of dedicated ministerial service and
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for
16 Reverend Alix as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
17 Representatives.