

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2227

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. C. J. R. Phillips Jr. is being
2 honored on May 21, 2017, for his 40 years of dedicated service as
3 the pastor of St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Ladonia, C. J. R. Phillips graduated from
5 Madison High School in Dallas; a gifted singer and musician, he
6 performed professionally before enlisting in the U.S. Army, where
7 he proudly served from 1963 to 1966; answering the call to the
8 ministry, he earned a bachelor's degree in theology at Bishop
9 College and a doctorate from the School of the Scripture in Dallas;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips began his pastoral career at
12 Mt. Providence Baptist Church in Athens, Texas, and since 1977, he
13 has served as pastor of St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church;
14 under his visionary leadership, the church has established an
15 accredited day-care center and many notable outreach ministries,
16 including Hope in Singing Hills, which joins with other local
17 congregations to address issues affecting the community; and

18 WHEREAS, Greatly admired for his powerful sermons and melodic
19 singing voice, Dr. Phillips conducts gospel revivals across the
20 nation as his schedule permits; he has also held membership with
21 such organizations as the NAACP of Dallas, the Dallas Baptist
22 Ministers Conference, and the Foreign Mission Board of the National
23 Missionary Baptist Convention of America; and

24 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Dr. Phillips has shared

1 his journey with his wife, Esther Calhoun Phillips, and he enjoys
2 the love and support of their children and grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his notable tenure, Dr. Phillips has
4 wholeheartedly committed himself to advancing the mission of
5 St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church, and his leadership has
6 provided valued inspiration and guidance to his community of faith;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Dr. C. J. R. Phillips
10 Jr. on the joyous occasion of his 40th anniversary with
11 St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him sincere
12 best wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Dr. Phillips as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.