

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 452

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Pastor David L. Smith and First Lady Linda Smith on the occasion of their 25th Pastoral Anniversary Kick-off Community Celebration, which is being held at New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Houston on April 2, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Smith returned home to New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in 1992 after having entered the ministry at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church; he had grown up as a member of New Bethlehem under the leadership of Pastor Rafael Stiller; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Pastor Smith's outstanding leadership, the church has experienced significant growth and played a vital role in the life of the community with such programs as a food pantry, a tape ministry, and a mission ministry for people who are sick or no longer able to leave their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Pastor Smith has prayed with and counseled his congregation in times of hardship and bereavement and rejoiced with them in times of celebration and plenty; throughout his pastorate at the church, he has been blessed with the enduring love and support of his wife, First Lady Linda Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, Inspirational and dedicated to helping others, this beloved pastor has had a profound impact on the lives of countless people; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Pastor David L. Smith and First Lady Linda Smith on their faithful service to New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and extend to them best wishes for a memorable 25th Pastoral Anniversary Kick-off Community Celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this distinguished couple as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate