

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 522

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Reverend Joseph Baker, who is being honored with a Religion Award from Acres Home Chamber for Business and Economic Development, Incorporated, at its 28th annual Awards Banquet on March 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, The Acres Home Chamber for Business and Economic Development was founded in 1994 to promote the economic vitality of the Acres Homes community; the nonprofit organization provides a variety of programs, seminars, workshops, and professional development opportunities to the community with the goal of helping individuals, small businesses, and entrepreneurs continue on paths to success; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, the organization hosts an awards banquet to honor area citizens who deserve recognition for their exceptional work on behalf of the Acres Homes community; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Baker moved to Acres Homes as a young boy in the 1940s; he accepted his call into the ministry 36 years ago, and he has been pastoring at Guiding Light Inspirational Baptist Church for 25 years; Pastor Baker is committed to serving local families, and he has drawn from his personal experiences to minister faithfully and compassionately to the needs of all those in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, A truly exemplary citizen, Pastor Baker represents the highest ideals of civic engagement, and he can indeed take pride in his outstanding spiritual leadership; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the Reverend Joseph Baker for helping to make the Acres Homes community an inviting place in which to live and work and congratulate him on receiving a Religion Award from the Acres Home Chamber for Business and Economic Development; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 29, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate