

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 620

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Reverend Eric Rendell Tarver on the occasion of his 15th anniversary as pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Beeville; and

**WHEREAS,** The Reverend Tarver is also celebrating 30 years of preaching; he accepted his call to the ministry at the age of 11 and delivered his first sermon soon thereafter, continuing the legacy of his family; at the age of 18, he became one of the youngest senior pastors in the state and nation when he assumed the pulpit of Macedonia Baptist Church in Carrizo Springs; and

**WHEREAS,** He became pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in 2002; under his leadership, the church has continued to grow and to play a vital role in the life of the Beeville community; he has been active in numerous civic organizations, and in 2009, he served as Pastor of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of spiritual depth and devotion, he has performed countless ceremonies; he has prayed with and counseled church members in times of hardship and bereavement and has rejoiced with them in times of celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** He received a diploma in ministry in 2016, and he is an accomplished theologian who 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 the Reverend Eric Rendell Tarver on his exceptional service to his church and to his community and extend to him best wishes for a memorable 15th pastoral anniversary; 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 April 12, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate