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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Charles E. Richardson Sr. is being honored
2 in April 2019 for his 30 years of dedicated service as pastor of
3 Calvary First Baptist Church in Corpus Christi; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Washington County, Bishop Richardson was
5 licensed to preach the gospel the month before his graduation from
6 Brenham High School in May 1974; he became the pastor of Bethel
7 Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Cawthon that same year, and he
8 subsequently led the congregation of Greater First Saint Emanuel
9 Baptist Church in Freeport for 11 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Richardson assumed the pulpit at Calvary
11 First Baptist Church in October 1989; over the past three decades,
12 he has ably guided its membership in raising funds for a new
13 facility, purchasing three houses to be used as rental properties,
14 and establishing an after-school computer program; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling his many pastoral
16 responsibilities, Bishop Richardson has given freely of his time
17 and talents to a number of other religious and community
18 organizations; he established the Body of Christ Christian
19 Believers Convention International in 2011, and he has been
20 selected to leadership positions in the American Baptist Western
21 District Association, the American Baptist General Convention of
22 Texas, and the Prairie View A&M University Ministers Conference;
23 moreover, he is the founder of the Brazoria County Martin Luther
24 King Jr. celebration, and he has played an active role in the local

1 NAACP; an alumnus of Paul Quinn College and Prairie View A&M
2 University, he holds a doctor of divinity degree from the Guadalupe
3 Theological Seminary; and

4 WHEREAS, This inspiring clergyman has led Calvary First
5 Baptist Church with conviction and compassion, and he has earned
6 the lasting respect and admiration of both his congregants and
7 members of the wider community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Bishop Charles E. Richardson Sr. for his
10 outstanding 30-year tenure with Calvary First Baptist Church and
11 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his
12 important work; and, be it further

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