

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 557

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. C. J. R. Phillips Jr. of  
2 St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas is serving as  
3 Pastor of the Day for the Texas House of Representatives on March  
4 12, 2019; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Ladonia, C. J. R. Phillips is the son of the  
6 Reverend Dr. C. J. R. Phillips Sr. and Inez White Phillips; he  
7 majored in theology at Bishop College and later received an  
8 honorary doctorate from the School of the Scripture; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips began his career in the ministry at Mt.  
10 Providence First Baptist Church in Athens; he has led the  
11 congregation at St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church for more  
12 than four decades, and he has been a mentor to many younger members  
13 of the clergy; and

14           WHEREAS, Admired for his powerful sermons and beautiful  
15 singing voice, Dr. Phillips has been invited to conduct revivals  
16 across the nation; he has shared his knowledge and wisdom with a  
17 host of religious organizations, and he has served the National  
18 Missionary Baptist Convention of America in such leadership roles  
19 as chair of the evangelical board and chair for late night services;  
20 among numerous accolades, he has received the 2017 Prince of  
21 Preachers Award from the Dallas Interdenominational Ministerial  
22 Alliance, and he was named parade marshal of the Elite News  
23 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in 2009; and

24           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Phillips is supported by

1 the love and encouragement of his wife, Esther Calhoun Phillips;  
2 they are the parents of a blended family that includes six daughters  
3 and three sons; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips exemplifies the highest standards of  
5 his vocation, and over the course of more than a half century in the  
6 ministry, he has inspired innumerable Texans through his messages  
7 of faith and goodwill; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor the Reverend Dr. C. J. R. Phillips Jr. for  
10 his service as Pastor of the Day and extend to him sincere best  
11 wishes for continued success and fulfillment in his ministry; and,  
12 be it further

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