

By: White

H.R. No. 694

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Reverend Ray Charles Lewis of Faith Temple  
2 Church of God in Christ in Jasper has been named an Outstanding  
3 Texan by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Jasper in 1961 to the late J. Harvey Lewis  
5 and Fayette Adams Lewis, Reverend Lewis graduated from Jasper High  
6 School and went on to attend Panola College in Carthage, where he  
7 excelled in mathematics and helped tutor other students in the  
8 subject; and

9           WHEREAS, Called to the ministry in 1982 and licensed in 1983,  
10 Reverend Lewis has been the pastor of Faith Temple Church in his  
11 hometown since 1984; he was ordained in 1985 at Evangel Temple  
12 Church of God in Christ in Houston; in 1999, he oversaw the  
13 planning, design, and construction of a new sanctuary at his  
14 church, and he is working on plans for a 10,000-square-foot family  
15 center; moreover, he started the Warm Hands & Gentle Hearts Food  
16 Pantry in 2002, and he and his congregation provided food and  
17 shelter to those displaced by Hurricanes Rita and Ike; and

18           WHEREAS, An entrepreneur as well as a man of God, Reverend  
19 Lewis owns a trucking company, LORD Lewis & Coleman LLC, and the  
20 Lewis Timber & Land Company, Inc.; he has also served his community  
21 as president of the local chapter of the NAACP, and he has worked  
22 with local law enforcement officials to help calm difficult  
23 situations; in addition, he has been active with the Jasper  
24 Independent School District in assessing the need for a new

1 intermediate school; and

2           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Reverend Lewis benefits from  
3 the love and support of his wife, Janett Lewis, his children,  
4 Rashad, Kimpton, Kimberly, Anthony, and Anetra, and his eight  
5 grandchildren, Joshua, Courtland, Landon, Jace, Zoë, Avery, Riley,  
6 and Aubree; and

7           WHEREAS, Over the past 35 years, Reverend Lewis has led his  
8 church with conviction, compassion, and skill and made a  
9 significant contribution to the quality of life in his community,  
10 and he is truly deserving of this special recognition; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Ray Charles Lewis on  
14 his receipt of an Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas  
15 Legislative Black Caucus and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
16 continued success; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Reverend Lewis as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.