

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1690

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Pastor Alfred Stapleton of Shekinah Tabernacle  
2 Baptist Church in Dallas is serving as Chaplain of the Day for the  
3 Texas House of Representatives on May 22, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Ennis, A. C. Stapleton graduated from  
5 George W. Carver High School in 1965 and then served for two years  
6 in the United States military; after returning to civilian life, he  
7 furthered his education with studies at Criswell College, Bishop  
8 College, and the Dallas Theological Seminary; he answered the call  
9 to the ministry in 1977 and preached his first sermon in August of  
10 that year at Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas under the  
11 leadership of Dr. E. K. Bailey, who ordained him as a minister in  
12 July 1979; and

13           WHEREAS, Pastor Stapleton went on to preach at West Union  
14 Baptist Church in Palestine, Eighth Street Baptist Church in  
15 Temple, and Shekinah Tabernacle Baptist Church, where he has  
16 presided over the congregation for the past 25 years; in addition to  
17 increasing church membership, he has overseen an outreach program  
18 called the Lazarus Ministry that has provided food for 38,000  
19 people, delivered clothing to homeless shelters, and assisted  
20 residents with housing and other needs; he is supported in all his  
21 endeavors by his loving wife, Sister Luvernia Stapleton, with whom  
22 he has raised three children; and

23           WHEREAS, Well-respected among his peers, Pastor Stapleton  
24 serves as president of the Dallas Baptist Ministers Conference, and

1 he has served as first vice moderator of the Galilee Griggs Memorial  
2 District Association of Baptist Churches; a member of the Home  
3 Mission Board General Commission, he has further distinguished  
4 himself through his work with the Evangelist Board of the General  
5 Commission, the Dallas Baptist Association, the Southern Bible  
6 Conference, and the National Baptist Convention; and

7         WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman exemplifies the highest  
8 standards of his vocation, and it is indeed a pleasure to welcome  
9 him to this chamber; now, therefore, be it

10         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby honor Pastor A. C. Stapleton for his service as  
12 Chaplain of the Day and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
13 future; and, be it further

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