

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 295

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Dr. Jimmy D. Pritchard of Forney on  
3 February 24, 2021, at the age of 65; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of John Henry Pritchard and Mary Cordelia  
5 Pritchard, Jim Pritchard was born in Fairfield on August 30, 1955,  
6 and grew up with three brothers, Randall, Wayne, and Dan; after  
7 graduating from Sam Houston State University, he went on to earn his  
8 master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological  
9 Seminary; he was called to serve as pastor at First Baptist Church  
10 in Gould, Oklahoma, and then at Elliott Baptist Church near Camden,  
11 Arkansas; while leading Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin  
12 for six years, he completed his doctor of ministry degree at  
13 Southwestern; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Pritchard became senior pastor of First Baptist  
15 Church in Forney in 1994; during his distinguished 27-year tenure,  
16 the congregation grew by nearly 7,000 members and relocated to a  
17 larger facility; moreover, it funded \$10 million in mission work;  
18 Dr. Pritchard served his denomination in numerous capacities,  
19 including trustee and chair of both Criswell College and the  
20 Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, trustee  
21 of East Texas Baptist University, and president of the Southern  
22 Baptists of Texas Convention; he was a keynote speaker for the 2009  
23 SBTC Empower Conference and the 2010 SBTC Annual Meeting; and

24           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Pritchard was supported by

1 the love and encouragement of his wife of 41 years, Jeannette Ann  
2 Gilbreath Pritchard; they were blessed with three children, James,  
3 John, and Julie, as well as eight grandchildren, Judah, Jolie,  
4 Josiah, John, Jordan, Hayden, Ty, and Cole; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the death of Jim Pritchard has brought  
6 great sorrow to those who loved him, his life was an inspiring  
7 example of the good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Jimmy D.  
11 Pritchard and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his  
12 passing; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Jimmy  
16 D. Pritchard.