

By: Cook

H.R. No. 984

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Michael A. Evans Sr. of Bethlehem
2 Baptist Church was elected mayor of Mansfield in December 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, A longtime leader in his community, Mayor Evans
4 served on the board of trustees of the Mansfield Independent School
5 District from 2007 to 2016, including two years as president; he was
6 also a trustee of the Tarrant County College District from 2016 to
7 2020, the administrator of TCC's ESL and Adult Basic Education
8 Centers, and a member of the advisory council of Tarrant County
9 Habitat for Humanity and the advisory board of the Methodist
10 Mansfield Medical Center, and he now serves on the advisory board of
11 the Arlington & Mansfield Area Salvation Army Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Michael Evans earned his
13 bachelor's degree in political science from The University of Texas
14 at Arlington, his master's degree in divinity from Texas Christian
15 University, and his doctorate in ministry from Baylor University;
16 he has been pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield for more
17 than 30 years, and he is the founder of the church's Educational
18 Enrichment Corporation and the Historic West Mansfield Texas
19 Community Development Corporation, which played a leading role in
20 the construction of Bethlehem's Pioneer Place Senior Adult
21 Independent Living Complex; in addition, he is a former U.S. Navy
22 reserve chaplain, the director of Life Touch Cottage Ministries,
23 and the former director of African American Ministries for the
24 Baptist General Convention of Texas; and

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mayor Evans enjoys the love
2 and support of his wife, Lisa Evans, and their two children and
3 granddaughter; and

4 WHEREAS, For many years, this esteemed Texan's leadership and
5 dedication to his community have greatly benefited his fellow
6 citizens, and he may reflect with pride on his many contributions to
7 Mansfield and Tarrant County as he takes on the challenges and
8 opportunities of his new position; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Dr. Michael A. Evans
11 Sr. on his election as mayor of Mansfield and extend to him sincere
12 best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

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