

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Robert A. Williams Jr., who is being honored by New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas as the 2023 Sword of the Spirit recipient; and

WHEREAS, Dr. R. A. Williams Jr. is a beloved and respected minister and teacher committed to global ministry and evangelism; a native of Houston, this esteemed preacher is the pastor of McCoy Memorial Baptist Church in Los Angeles, where he has faithfully ministered to the temporal and spiritual needs of his congregation for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas Southern University, he went on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees from California Graduate School of Theology, and he was awarded a second doctorate degree of divinity from Faith Seminary in Tacoma, Washington; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished scholar and theologian, Dr. Williams is active in a number of faith-based organizations, including the Western Baptist State Convention and the Los Angeles Police Clergy Council; he is the founder and president of the WHW Ministers Conference, an annual event that instructs ministers and Bible teachers in the art of biblical exposition; and

WHEREAS, Guided by a spirit of obedience to scriptural truth, Dr. Williams has received numerous accolades and honors for his contributions, including being knighted as a Kentucky Colonel in 1984 by the state's governor; throughout his ministry, he has continued to provide a path of hope and enlightenment that has benefited countless individuals and communities around the globe; and

WHEREAS, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Dr. Williams has led his church with loyalty and dedication and has encouraged his congregation to persevere in holiness and the pursuit of knowledge; his mentorship is a blessing to church leaders and members, and his example and faithful teachings are a source of inspiration and empowerment to innumerable Christians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Robert A. Williams Jr. and join the members of New Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in honoring him as the 2023 Sword of the Spirit recipient; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on November 16, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate