

## Senate Resolution 471

By: Senators Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Thompson of the 14th, Tippins of the 37th and Hill of the 32nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Harris Travis on the occasion of his 22nd pastoral  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris Travis has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Travis was called by the Lord 22 years ago to lead the congregation  
7 of Zion Baptist Church as the church's 23rd senior pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Zion Baptist Church, which will celebrate  
9 its 150th anniversary in 2016, grow in size and influence, increasing from 400 members to  
10 approximately 2,500 members; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past 22 years leading Zion Baptist Church, Reverend Harris Travis  
12 initiated the Sunday morning early service, organized the construction of two educational  
13 wings and a new sanctuary, restored the old church building and entered it into the National  
14 Registry of Historical Places, and established many new organizations, such as the men's  
15 choir, the women's ministry, and the substance abuse ministry, which have improved the  
16 spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

17 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
18 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
19 humanitarian, Reverend Harris Travis serves as a shining example of God's righteous path;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris Travis has faithfully dedicated 55 years of his life to serving  
22 in various associate pastor and minister positions; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
25 on behalf of persons in need.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 congratulate Reverend Harris Travis on the wonderful occasion of his 22nd pastoral  
28 anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and  
29 leadership.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Harris  
32 Travis.