

House Resolution 540

By: Representative Werkheiser of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Gregg Usry on the occasion of his 30th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Gregg Usry has helped people rightly order their lives according to
4 God's design not only by preaching the truth week after week but also by living his life as
5 an example in loving and serving others and coming alongside those in need of help or
6 encouragement; and

7 WHEREAS, as a young man, Reverend Gregg achieved the rank of Eagle Scout through his
8 hard work and dedication in the Boy Scouts of America before going on to graduate summa
9 cum laude with a double major in Bible and English from Tennessee Temple University; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Gregg was called by the Lord 30 years ago to lead the congregation
11 of Pineview Baptist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Pineview Baptist Church grow in size and
13 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
14 leader and place for fellowship; and

15 WHEREAS, over the past three decades leading Pineview Baptist Church, Reverend Gregg
16 has organized church retreats, facilitated youth conferences, supported AWANA, instructed
17 in-depth book studies walking the church through the Bible, taught Sunday School, preached
18 at funerals, officiated weddings, conducted the congregation in worship through song, and
19 held services at the local nursing home; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Gregg has preserved marriages and strengthened families who are the
21 foundation of a flourishing society and hosted mission conferences to mobilize kingdom
22 work to the ends of the earth, and his faithful witness to God's goodness and love influenced
23 fellow football officials to put their trust in Jesus; and

24 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Gregg is a source of
25 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

26 WHEREAS, this ministry of God's grace through Reverend Gregg will have a ripple effect
27 on generations, from the nursery to the nursing home, and thus it is abundantly fitting and
28 proper that this enduring example of God's message of peace and love be recognized and
29 congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons in need.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Gregg Usry on the wonderful
32 occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of
33 successful fellowship and leadership.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Reverend Gregg Usry.