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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 593

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A RESOLUTION to honor Pastor Joseph T. Jackson, Sr., on the occasion of his tenth pastoral anniversary with The Fellowship of Believers in Christ Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who answered a divine call to the ministry and serve with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such person who walks in the light of God's ways is Pastor Joseph T. Jackson, Sr., of The Fellowship of Believers in Christ Church in Memphis, who will celebrate his tenth pastoral anniversary on February 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Pastor Jackson was elected as shepherd of The Fellowship of Believers in Christ Church on November 6, 2005, and was officially ordained as pastor of his congregation on February 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the fourth child of eight children born to Elder Harry and Evangelist Fannie Jackson, Pastor Jackson grew up in the North Memphis community called Oats Manor, but better known as Scudderfield; and

WHEREAS, a product of Memphis City Schools, Pastor Jackson attended Caldwell Elementary and was a member of the 1981 graduating class of Manassas High School. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Memphis and undertook graduate work at Freed-Hardeman University with concentrations in counseling and evangelism; and

WHEREAS, sharing his Christian leadership, Pastor Jackson is the director of The In Spirit and In Truth Ministries, Inc., and serves as a volunteer chaplain with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department; and WHEREAS, active in his community, he is a member of American Humanics for Non-Profit Management, the Entrepreneurial Foundation of America, Inc., Future Leaders of America, Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jackson's Christian stewardship derives much support from his two loving sons; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Pastor Joseph Jackson, Sr., demonstrates the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, and he has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of the congregants at The Fellowship of Believers in Christ Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Pastor Joseph T. Jackson, Sr., on the occasion of his tenth pastoral anniversary at The Fellowship of Believers in Christ Church and extend our sincere best wishes to him for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.