

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 812

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Sammie Holloway, pastor of Breath of Life Christian Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated church leader is Dr. Sammie Holloway, founder and pastor of Breath of Life Christian Center in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, after accepting the call into the ministry in May 1980, Dr. Holloway held evangelistic meetings and taught Bible classes before founding Breath of Life Christian Center; and

WHEREAS, in January 2005, Dr. Holloway held inauguration services for the 90,000-square-foot Breath of Life International Ministry Center in Memphis; he has since added a second location of the ministry in Forrest City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway's mission is to teach true Bible Holiness and the abundant life it provides, and he works with other churches to fulfill this call; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway also founded the Breath of Life Christian Academy, Breath of Life Preparatory Academy, Ministry Developmental Institute, the Pastor-Teacher Training Institute, and the Coping Without Doping drug recovery program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway has received many civic awards and recognition for his outreach services in the Memphis community; his vision led to the creation of the Breath of Life Business Association and the Raleigh Community Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway is a published author of four books, and he has conducted seminars and pastors conferences throughout the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, through Keys to Life Media Ministry, Dr. Holloway has ministered the word of faith via radio, television, and now the internet with online streaming of Sunday morning services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway is a former board member and regional director of the Fellowship of International Christian Word of Faith Ministries, founded by Apostle Frederick K.C. Price, and he has also served as regional director of the LESEA Global Food Feed the Hungry humanitarian aid organization, under Pastor Lester Sumerall; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway founded the Mid-South Fellowship of Charismatic Pastors as a multicultural organization to mentor local clergy and bridge the gap among races in Memphis; he is also the founder and president of United Ministers International, a pastoral mentoring fellowship dedicated to supporting and training local senior pastors and ministry leaders; and

WHEREAS, a true scholar, Dr. Holloway received an honorary doctorate from Cornerstone Theological Seminary and earned a Doctor of Ministry and a Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies from Friends International Christian University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway is blessed to share his life with Addie Louise, his high-school sweetheart and wife of more than fifty-five years, and their five children and a quiver full of grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, and his love for people, as demonstrated over his past twenty years of inspired service at Breath of Life Christian Center, are worthy of respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Dr. Sammie Holloway, commend him for his honorable service and spiritual inspiration, and wish him every continued success in 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.