

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1110

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to recognize Senior Pastor David W. Landrith of Long Hollow Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious leaders who, through their unflinching capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of the people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Pastor David W. Landrith is a trailblazer for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and has served with distinction as the pastor of Long Hollow Baptist Church since 1997; and

WHEREAS, David Landrith gave his heart and soul to the Lord at age nine, and throughout the years of adolescence and young adulthood, while he pursued post-secondary education, he was deeply involved in the studies and the ministries of the church; and

WHEREAS, he attended Belmont University and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History; he then matriculated to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree; and

WHEREAS, Long Hollow Baptist is one church based in Hendersonville that meets in five locations around Nashville. Since arriving in its pulpit, Pastor Landrith has expanded the church's reach from the single-site to four other campuses; in addition to Hendersonville, the church holds regular services at locations in Gallatin, Hillcrest, Madison, and Springfield; and

WHEREAS, in less than two decades, God has blessed Pastor Landrith in shepherding this mighty congregation, and average weekly attendance has increased exponentially from 350 to nearly 7,000; and

WHEREAS, by Pastor Landrith's guiding hand, the church has celebrated thousands of souls won to Christ and baptized in obedience to the Word of God. Upon his arrival at Long

Hollow, there were no paid staff for the church; however, more than 100 full- and part-time employees now support all age-level ministries that Long Hollow Baptist provides through its five campuses; and

WHEREAS, even now as Pastor Landrith contends with a cancer diagnosis, his passion for reaching the community for Christ is contagious, and he continues to provide vision and initiative to the staff and congregation on how to reach the entire world with the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Landrith is the husband of Jennifer Landrith, and they are the parents of one daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Stephen; and sons, Sam and Josh; and

WHEREAS, it is with pleasure that this legislative body now pauses to recognize the manifold good works of Pastor David Landrith and his soul-winning ministry at Long Hollow Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Pastor David W. Landrith on his lengthy service as the pastoral leader of Long Hollow Baptist Church, commend his good works for the Lord, and extend our best wishes for success in his every future endeavor.

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