

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1350

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pastor David Royalty on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as senior pastor of First Baptist Church Joelton.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body 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, Pastor David Royalty is one such stalwart servant of the Lord who has rendered twenty years of faithful, selfless, and effective pastoral leadership to First Baptist Joelton; and

WHEREAS, known to his congregants and community as a bedrock of strength and commitment, this honorable servant of the Almighty has served with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love at First Baptist Church Joelton since July 1, 1990, skillfully using his gifts of teaching and preaching the Word to bring the Lost to Christ; and

WHEREAS, fondly called "Brother Dave" by his beloved congregants, David Royalty is a man of great integrity and character who truly has a heart for God's people; and

WHEREAS, Brother Dave has continually expanded the church's outreach and tirelessly endeavored to transform the lives of men, women, and children, both locally and nationally, graciously performing God's work while shunning personal praise and adulation; and

WHEREAS, firmly believing that the challenge God set forth through the Apostle Paul to "study to show thyself approved" is a standard that must be taken seriously, David Royalty earned his Master of Arts in Christian Education and a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, before coming to First Baptist Church Joelton, Pastor Royalty tirelessly contributed his time and tremendous talents for fourteen years as the pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Princeton, Kentucky, where he worked assiduously to provide hope and communicate God's love to his congregants and his community; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Brother Dave is most appreciative of the blessings of love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-one years, Linda Carol, and he is the proud father and father-in-law of Pastor Chris and Erin Royalty and the devoted grandfather of Brooklyn Grace and London Emmalynn Royalty; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, David Royalty has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many members of his congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Pastor David Royalty our heartfelt congratulations as he celebrates the twentieth anniversary of his vibrant pastorate at First Baptist Church Joelton, salute his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living a Christian life with courage and conviction, and wish him every continued 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.