

HOUSE RESOLUTION 314

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Reverend Robert J. Morgan.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body recognize those venerable religious leaders who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of the people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such religious leader is Reverend Robert J. Morgan, the teaching pastor of the Donelson Fellowship in Nashville, in which capacity he has dutifully served for more than thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, born in Elizabethton in 1952, Reverend Morgan converted to Christianity in childhood and was called to the ministry as a teenager; and

WHEREAS, he attended King College in Bristol before graduating *magna cum laude* from Columbia International University in Columbia, South Carolina; he then went on to earn his master's in Christian Education, with high honors, from Wheaton Graduate School in Wheaton, Illinois, and his Master of Divinity from Luther Rice Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Morgan's ministerial work began in 1974, when he worked with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, doing advance work for crusades; after a year at this post, he became pastor of Harris Memorial Church in Greeneville, where he served from 1976 until 1979; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Robert Morgan accepted his current position of teaching pastor at the Donelson Fellowship in Nashville on January 1, 1980, and since that time, he has led the church with integrity and great ability, contributing to the spiritual well-being of the congregation and the good of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, his ministerial experience also includes conducting conferences for mission groups in Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America; lecturing frequently at Fackelbärana, the Torchbearer's School in Holsbybrunn, Sweden; appearing on numerous national television and radio shows; and speaking often at Christian colleges, conferences, workshops, seminars, and churches; and

WHEREAS, a talented and prolific writer, Reverend Morgan has authored more than thirty-five books in print, with more than four million copies in circulation in multiple languages; he is a writer for Dr. David Jeremiah and *Turning Points Magazine*, has published articles with various other leading Christian periodicals, and is a regular contributor to *Huffington Post*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, Reverend Morgan was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his undergraduate alma mater, Columbia International University, in 2014, and his writing has been recognized with Gold-Medallion honors; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Reverend Robert Morgan has been blessed with the love and support of his wife, Katrina Polvinen Morgan, and their three daughters, Victoria, Hannah, and Grace, and fourteen grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, though he and his family reside in Nashville, Reverend Morgan still has close ties to East Tennessee; he co-owns Roan Mountain Bed and Breakfast, located in his native Carter County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Reverend Robert Morgan has demonstrated his ability to lead and counsel others in the way of traditional Christian values, and it is fitting that we recognize him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and honor Reverend Robert J. Morgan for a lifetime of dedicated service to the ministry and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

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