

House Resolution No. 501

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives note two significant milestones in the life and career of the Reverend Dr. Harold J. Butler of St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Harold J. Butler has been pastor of Northern Missionary Baptist Church for nine highly productive years; and

Whereas, with his Ninth Anniversary celebration rapidly approaching, the Reverend Dr. Harold Butler will at the same time observe the Fortieth Anniversary of his status as a minister, a personal calling which began in January 1962 when he preached his first sermon as a reflection of Jesus Christ on the Cross entitled "Hold your Grounds"; and

Whereas, selected to begin his tenure as President of the State Congress of Christian Education in October 2002, the Reverend Dr. Harold J. Butler has served four years as Dean of the Western Bible College of Christian Education's St. Louis campus and eleven years as Dean of the State Congress of Christian Education; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Harold Butler deserves special recognition as a current member of the Trustee Board of Western Bible College, secretary of St. Louis Baptist Ministers Union, member of the St. Louis Collegiate Coalition and the Pastors Conference of St. Louis, member of the National Congress FundRaising Committee, host of the National Congress Treasury Committee, and instructor in the Berean District Congress Leadership School; and

Whereas, married since June 17, 1957, the Reverend Dr. Harold Butler served as State Director of Christian Education for 2001, earned the Young Black Executive Award, and received the 1980 Roy Wilkins Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary spiritual leadership so admirably demonstrated by the Reverend Dr. Harold Butler down through the years and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as he celebrates the Fortieth Anniversary of his entrance into Christian ministry and the Ninth Anniversary of his accepting the pastorate of Northern Missionary Baptist Church; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Reverend Dr. Harold J. Butler, pastor of Northern Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Betty L. Thompson
District No. 72

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 501, adopted February 27, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

