

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY SENATOR GRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Living Hope Baptist Church in College Station, Texas for the work performed at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in New Orleans.

WHEREAS, in 1996 a core group of believers began the search for a different kind of church in south College Station, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 the church was created under the guidance of Pastor Butch Smith; and

WHEREAS, today the one church has two locations, having a vision of Christian fellowship that glorifies God through worship, teaching His word, and ministering to the community; and

WHEREAS, Living Hope Baptist Church is a part of the denomination called the Southern Baptist Convention and believes in the basic beliefs found in scripture; and

WHEREAS, after creating a hurricane relief fund along with a continued concern of the churches devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, a mission team from Living Hope Baptist Church was created to offer assistance to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, located at 2606 South Galvez in New Orleans sustained heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, through coordinated efforts of the Mission Lab, an outreach division of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the Construction Missionary of Living Hope Church sent a mission team of twenty-one people to New Orleans to offer assistance in the rebuilding of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church during the week of March 9 - 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Living Hope mission team consisted of Tim and Ronda Royer, Cindy and Sydney Freeman, Danielle Bourne, Kristin Graham, Debby Sikes, Garrett Smith, Chad Barber, Joanna and Barney Phillips, Michele, Conner and Jalle Smith, Judy, Bill and Ryan Moss, Janelle Huffman, Jennifer Morrison, Jason Schulke and Chase Bost; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-one member team is said to have shown their love of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and its members with their hands and hard labor providing assistance to lift the church, rebuilding foundational structure, performing electrical and plumbing service meeting all commercial codes, sheetrock work, replacement of windows, insulation of the entire facility, financial support and providing a donation of one hundred and fifty chairs; and

WHEREAS, the Living Hope Baptist Church provided tremendous assistance in delivering not only a physical restoration but also a spiritual restoration of hope to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, its members and the community of New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the mission team from the Living Hope Baptist Church in College Station, Texas for work performed at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in New Orleans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Living Hope Baptist Church.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE