

Certificate of Recognition to Reverend & Mrs. LeRoy Lewis

WHEREAS, the Reverend LeRoy Lewis, born and educated in St. Augustine, this year celebrates his 30th consecutive year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Mateo, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Lewis was converted to Christianity at the age of 24 in 1962, surrendered his life to the gospel ministry and was licensed in 1967, studied and graduated from Baptist Bible Institute in 1975, and began his pastorate on Sunday, March 7, 1976, and

WHEREAS, Reverend LeRoy and Charlotte Lewis were married August 4, 1957, and will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2007, throughout this time remaining faithful to their wedding vows and living an exemplary lifestyle in their daily work, and

WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Lewis have served the First Baptist Church of San Mateo, Florida exceptionally well for thirty consecutive years and will be honored by that church on Sunday morning, March 5, 2006 with a worshipful celebration beginning at ten-thirty o'clock, and

WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Lewis have the longest tenure of any current pastorate in the St. Johns River Baptist Association, including the counties of Putnam, Flagler and St. Johns, and are recognized on their 30th pastoral anniversary, and wished many more victorious years.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine takes great pleasure in recognizing a native son, The Reverend LeRoy Lewis, and First Lady Charlotte Lewis, on the occasion of this distinguished milestone of spiritual service to their congregation and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and the four hundred and fortieth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

George Gardner, Mayor