

618 Bernice Street
Durham, North Carolina 27703
March 1, 1989

Mr. John H. Gattis
Minister of Music
White Rock Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Gattis:

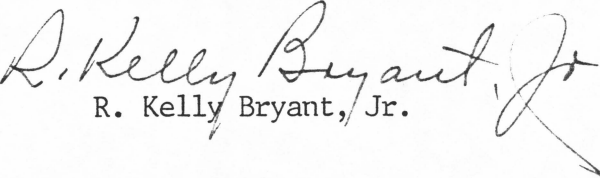
Our family thinks that this is an appropriate occasion to express thanks to you and congratulate you upon your retirement as the Minister of Music at White Rock Baptist Church. Your contributions have been many towards the services, programs and all occasions there.

We cannot forget your contributions made to the school system and students while you were teaching at Hillside High School. Your music at the assemblies, special programs and graduation still rings in the memories of black Durham. The Swing School programs were master strokes and many of those youngsters are today living examples of your efforts and their training under your leadership. We too are proud of your accomplishments.

There is no doubt that the name "John Gattis" will live far beyond your days and will remain in the memories of those you trained, touched, entertained and helped.

We congratulate you again.

Yours very truly,


R. Kelly Bryant, Jr.

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