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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Katy's First Baptist Church are
2 celebrating the 125th anniversary of the church's founding on
3 November 19, 2023, and this significant milestone is indeed
4 deserving of special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, The congregation was organized under the name Zion
6 Baptist Church in 1898, three years after the townsite of Katy was
7 laid out and platted; services were initially conducted in a local
8 schoolhouse, in members' homes, and in a local Methodist church,
9 before the congregation moved into its own building in April 1914;
10 the church grew steadily in the 1920s and 1930s, and during World
11 War II, the Humble Katy Gas Plant went into operation to support the
12 war effort, bringing an influx of new residents and new church
13 members to the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Katy's First Baptist Church has
15 added and expanded facilities to accommodate the needs of its
16 growing membership; along the way, a variety of ministries have
17 been created for men, women, and children to foster fellowship and
18 spiritual enrichment; congregants have further supported numerous
19 missionary efforts that have resulted in the construction of new
20 houses of worship, and today the church's outreach efforts include
21 overseas missionary trips and hunger relief programs; and

22 WHEREAS, The church has benefited from the guidance and
23 wisdom of a number of dedicated clergy leaders, and it is embarking
24 on a new chapter in its history as it welcomes its new senior

1 pastor, Dr. Rob Lyerly, in 2023; and

2 WHEREAS, Generations of Texans have looked to Katy's First
3 Baptist Church for hope, comfort, and inspiration, and it is a
4 pleasure to join in recognizing the abiding faith and commitment of
5 those who have sustained the church for more than a century; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 125th
9 anniversary of Katy's First Baptist Church and extend to its
10 congregants sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.