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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Austin are
2 celebrating the 150th anniversary of their church's founding in
3 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, First organized by a group from the Williamson Creek
5 settlement in 1873, the congregation was established as Mt. Zion
6 Baptist Church Williamson Creek under the leadership of the
7 Reverend Jacob Fontaine; following a devastating flood, the church
8 rebuilt on the north bank of Williamson Creek, and that structure
9 was moved to East 13th Street in 1948 after the congregation
10 relocated to Austin; drawing more and more members, the church
11 moved into a larger sanctuary in 1979, and the old church building
12 was subsequently converted into the S. A. Davis Fellowship Hall;
13 over the years, the church has continued to expand its facilities to
14 accommodate the needs of its growing membership; and

15 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Mt. Zion Baptist Church has
16 benefited from the dedicated efforts of many outstanding clergy,
17 including the Reverend Dr. Daryl L. Horton, who has led the
18 congregation since 2021; united by their shared faith and strong
19 traditions, the members of this notable house of worship have
20 established such commendable programs as the Ace Team, the Mt. Zion
21 Action and Resource Center, and Partners in Education; moreover,
22 the church contributes to charitable organizations ranging from the
23 Salvation Army to the NAACP; and

24 WHEREAS, Countless area residents have looked to Mt. Zion

1 Baptist Church for spiritual guidance over the years, and it is a
2 pleasure to join in honoring the church at this special time in its
3 rich history; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
5 hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mt. Zion Baptist Church
6 in Austin and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the
7 future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 Senate.