

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 606**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize New Hope Baptist Church of Dallas on its 150th anniversary, which is being celebrated July 23, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** This historic church traces its roots to its congregation's first gathering on July 23, 1873; the oldest African American church in Dallas, New Hope Baptist Church has a rich history of community service and benefaction, and the congregation worships in an atmosphere filled with light, love, and fellowship; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, New Hope Baptist Church has ministered faithfully to the temporal and spiritual needs of countless people, including many civic leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the guidance and wise stewardship of its pastors and the outstanding leadership of its current senior pastor, the Reverend Dr. Damien N. Williams, the church has continued to grow and to play a vital role in the life of the Dallas community; and

**WHEREAS,** New Hope Baptist Church has become an invaluable source of strength for its members during times of hardship and bereavement, and the congregation has shared in many celebrations during times of abundance and joy; and

**WHEREAS,** The celebration of its 150th anniversary is an expression of the church's enduring commitment to its mission of providing enlightenment and hope to its congregation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th

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Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and members of the congregation of New Hope Baptist Church on the joyous occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate