

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 2

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The congregation of Crestview Baptist Church of
2 Midland is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church's
3 founding on August 3, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, The church was established on August 2, 1953, at a
5 meeting held at Lamar Elementary School, when it was formally
6 recognized as a member of the Permian Basin Baptist Association,
7 the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Southern Baptist
8 Convention; following a successful revival meeting, a membership
9 drive spanning the first month of operation resulted in 183 charter
10 members, including the Reverend A. B. Lightfoot, who served as
11 acting mission pastor; and

12 WHEREAS, In its earliest days, Crestview Baptist Church met
13 the needs of the Midland community through services and programs
14 held in several locations, including members' homes, a Seventh Day
15 Adventist church, and Lamar Elementary School; in its present
16 location at 3300 Thomas Avenue since 1958, the church has undergone
17 extensive remodeling and expansion through the years, and plans are
18 currently under way for the purchase of land for the church's
19 relocation to Loop 250 at Thomason Drive and Tradewinds Boulevard;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Blessed with inspired leadership over the course of
22 its rich history, Crestview Baptist Church today thrives under the
23 expert direction of senior pastor Dr. John D. Gerlach, who answered
24 the call to lead the church in September 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, For half a century, Crestview Baptist Church members
2 have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to their faith and to
3 their community, and it is a pleasure to take this opportunity to
4 recognize the congregation on this significant milestone; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
7 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend Dr. John D.
8 Gerlach and the members of Crestview Baptist Church of Midland on
9 the occasion of the church's 50th anniversary and extend to them
10 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful observance; and,
11 be it further

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