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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On November 15-16, 2003, the congregation of
2 Tabernacle Baptist Church in Crane is celebrating 70 years of
3 service to the community; and

4 WHEREAS, The church traces its history to 1933, when the
5 Reverend W. L. Massagee traveled from San Angelo each week to lead
6 area residents in worship; on November 22, 1933, the church was
7 organized and its earliest members held meetings in the courthouse
8 until a building could be erected; and

9 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Tabernacle Baptist Church has
10 been situated on the same piece of property, although its physical
11 plant has undergone several expansions and renovations to keep pace
12 with the congregation's steady and positive growth; its membership
13 has benefited from the dedicated leadership of 17 pastors through
14 the years, and today, the Reverend Lyndel Lee works in behalf of the
15 church and the greater community as the church's current pastor;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, For seven decades, Tabernacle Baptist Church has
18 provided outstanding spiritual and moral guidance, and the church
19 remains a tribute to the commitment and hard work of its members,
20 past and present, who have shared their time, energy, and financial
21 resources to ensure its continued existence as a house of worship;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor all those affiliated

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1 with Tabernacle Baptist Church on the occasion of its 70th
2 anniversary and extend to them best wishes for a memorable and
3 fulfilling observance.