

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Oakland Baptist Church will celebrate its  
2 centennial on October 18, 2003, and the congregants of this  
3 esteemed place of worship have gathered together to share in the joy  
4 of this momentous occasion; and

5           WHEREAS, The seeds of this milestone event were sown a  
6 century ago when Baptist believers in the Oakland community united  
7 to form a church; led by the pioneer families of J. L. Stephens,  
8 Joseph Johnson Reid, John Umstead Reid, and Kellis "Tobe" A. Reid,  
9 the founding members established Oakland Missionary Baptist Church  
10 in the summer of 1903 on land donated by J. L. and M. J. Stephens;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Throughout its existence, the church has been ably  
13 led by many fine pastors, including Brother A. D. Sparkman, Brother  
14 Russell Goff, Brother Leonard J. Meadows, Brother Akin Cox, Brother  
15 Victor G. Granberry, Brother Harold Threatt, Brother W. I. "Bill"  
16 Thomas, Brother James Pierce, Brother Ron McCown, Brother J. A.  
17 Allen, and the church's current pastor, the Reverend David  
18 Christene; and

19           WHEREAS, On October 3, 1923, church leaders relocated the  
20 church, erecting a new structure on a one-acre wooded lot about a  
21 half-mile east of the original location; members have been diligent  
22 in their efforts to contribute to improvements, and the church has  
23 continued to grow and prosper, thanks to this show of dedication and  
24 commitment; and

1           WHEREAS, Oakland Baptist Church remains a spiritual haven for  
2 its members, providing a place for worship and fellowship to the  
3 citizens of Oakland, and this significant anniversary event is  
4 testament to the success that has been achieved by the many  
5 individuals who have chosen to worship at this enduring institution  
6 during its century-long existence; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the centennial of  
9 Oakland Baptist Church and extend to the congregants of this  
10 venerable institution best wishes for a successful and memorable  
11 anniversary celebration; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 93

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 93 was adopted by the House on  
September 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House