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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On September 27, 2003, Pastor Allen G. Madison II 2 and the members of Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas

are celebrating the dedication of their new family life and

4 education center; and

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5 WHEREAS, In 1985, Pastor Madison shared his vision of such a

6 facility with his congregation and through the years, land was

purchased, financing and community support were secured, and in

8 December 2002, the construction phase of the project began; and

9 WHEREAS, The center will house the Mission of H.O.P.E.

(Helping Other People Excel) organization, whose purpose is to

encourage and empower East Dallas residents to achieve the highest

12 quality of life possible; components of the Mission of H.O.P.E.

include a prison ministry, day care, school, and programs for

14 seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, For more than 100 years, Saint Mark Missionary

Baptist Church of Dallas has remained a haven of spiritual solace

17 and support, and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the

18 dedication of its family life and education center; now, therefore,

19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Pastor Allen

G. Madison II and the congregation of Saint Mark Missionary Baptist

23 Church on the joyous occasion of the dedication of the church's

family life and education center and extend to all involved sincere

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- 1 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful observance; and, be it
- 2 further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 5 House of Representatives.