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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of the  
2 First Baptist Church of Purves, and this special milestone provides  
3 a fitting opportunity to recognize the church's rich heritage; and

4           WHEREAS, The First Baptist Church was organized in October  
5 1903 by a presbytery of three men, Brother Joe Johnson, Brother  
6 J. M. Barrett, and Brother Agee, who was chosen as the first  
7 pastor; they were joined by some 20 charter members, and in 1904, a  
8 church building was erected on land donated by Mr. and  
9 Mrs. E. L. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Whisenant; and

10           WHEREAS, Through the years, the congregation has faced many  
11 challenges, such as having its church destroyed twice by storms;  
12 each time, the worshipers courageously overcame adversity and  
13 quickly rebuilt the structures, continuing on a path toward  
14 noteworthy achievements; and

15           WHEREAS, To accommodate the steadily growing membership,  
16 which today numbers around 100, the First Baptist Church has  
17 erected many new facilities; additions have included seven  
18 educational rooms, restrooms, a kitchen, a weekend parsonage, and a  
19 baptistry and fellowship hall; moreover, a steeple has been built  
20 to commemorate the church's 100th anniversary and to honor the  
21 congregation's oldest living member, Harlen West, who has attended  
22 this house of worship for 50 years; and

23           WHEREAS, All those associated with the First Baptist Church  
24 of Purves are truly deserving of highest commendation for their

1 outstanding faith and hard work, and it is a privilege to recognize  
2 this devoted congregation as it embarks on a second century of  
3 ministry; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the First  
6 Baptist Church of Purves on its 100th anniversary and extend best  
7 wishes to its membership for continued success and happiness; and,  
8 be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the First Baptist Church of Purves as an expression of  
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.