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H.R. No. 184

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 125th anniversary of the  
2 founding of Duffau Baptist Church in Erath County; and

3           WHEREAS, The church was organized on October 6, 1878, in the  
4 community of Duffau, about 15 miles southeast of Stephenville; a  
5 fire in 1924 destroyed the majority of the business area, and the  
6 town's population began to decline; today, Duffau Baptist Church is  
7 the only remaining institution in the community; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1935, a fire claimed the Duffau Baptist Church  
9 building; the original section of the current facilities dates to  
10 the mid-1930s, when the church was rebuilt, though there have been  
11 recent additions, including an education wing and the doubling of  
12 auditorium space; and

13           WHEREAS, Since its beginning, Duffau Baptist Church has  
14 benefited from the guidance of approximately 50 dedicated pastors,  
15 including Dr. Jimmy Allen, who served his first pastorate at Duffau  
16 in the late 1940s; Dr. Allen later held the position of president of  
17 both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Radio  
18 and TV Commission, where he won an Emmy Award; and

19           WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of the Reverend Neil  
20 Wade, the church today enjoys a membership that totals some 200  
21 individuals from Erath and Hamilton counties; and

22           WHEREAS, Blessed with warm fellowship and inspirational  
23 teaching, Duffau Baptist Church remains a tribute to the commitment  
24 of its members, past and present, who have given generously of their

1 time, energy, and financial resources to ensure its continued  
2 existence as a house of worship; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Reverend Wade  
5 and the members of Duffau Baptist Church on the joyous occasion of  
6 the church's 125th anniversary and extend to all those involved  
7 sincere best wishes for a memorable and fulfilling observance; and,  
8 be it further

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