

By: Jones of Dallas

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 125th anniversary of the  
2 founding of the Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Dallas; and

3 WHEREAS, Organized as the New Zion Baptist Church in 1878,  
4 the church traces its roots to the New Hope Mission in "Frogtown,"  
5 when it functioned as a "prayer band" or "mission station" in the  
6 homes of members; in the early 1950s, a name revision to Greater New  
7 Zion Baptist Church differentiated it from another Dallas church;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Reverend A. B. Moore was the first of many fine  
10 spiritual leaders, including Pastor Emeritus Arthur Vance "A. V."  
11 Voice, whose tenure spanned 42 years; since 1991, the Reverend Joe  
12 S. Patterson has ably guided the congregation through a joyous time  
13 of increased membership, upgraded facilities, and ministries  
14 responsive to the needs of the church and community; and

15 WHEREAS, As the membership has steadily grown through the  
16 years, more meeting space has been required, and since 1953, the  
17 church home has been situated at 2210 Pine Street, in the former  
18 facilities of the Colonial Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Blessed with warm fellowship and inspirational  
20 preaching, the Greater New Zion Baptist Church reflects the  
21 commitment of its members, past and present, who have given  
22 generously of their time, energy, and financial resources to ensure  
23 its ongoing existence as a house of worship; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Reverend  
2 Patterson and the members of the Greater New Zion Baptist Church on  
3 the momentous occasion of the church's 125th anniversary and extend  
4 to all those involved sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
5 further

6         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.