

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Birdville Baptist Church of Haltom City on the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary, which is being celebrated November 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Birdville Baptist Church has its roots in a congregation that originated in 1853, when Pastor John Allen Freeman joined William M. Giddens, Sanders Elliott, R. Pickett, and J. Boone to organize Fossil Creek Baptist Church; this original church was reorganized as the United Baptist Church at Fossil Creek in 1864; in the early 1900s, the church was moved to its present location and was renamed the Birdville Baptist Church in 1917; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the church has ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of many Christians; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance and wise stewardship of its pastors, the church has continued to grow and to undertake many worthy projects on behalf of its congregation and the communities of Northeast Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, The members of Birdville Baptist Church come together joyfully for faith-filled worship services, and they have been a source of strength to one another during their hardships and in times of bereavement; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of its 150th anniversary is a milestone in the church's history and a reflection of its enduring commitment to its holy mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and members of the Birdville Baptist Church on the jubilant occasion of its 150th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 18, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate