

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Claude Thomas and the congregation of First  
2 Baptist Church Euless celebrated the church's centennial of service  
3 to the community on May 1 and 2, 2004; and

4           WHEREAS, The church traces its roots to March 26, 1904, when  
5 Tarrant County missionary J. T. Bussey convened an organizational  
6 meeting at the home of Charles Fitch, for the purpose of starting a  
7 missionary Baptist church; in attendance were E. J. and Mattie  
8 Baucom, G. H. and Susan Himes, D. B. and Mary Baker, H. V. Booher,  
9 Jennie Fitch, Ida Youngblood, Mollie Martin, M. A. Jernigan, and  
10 Charles Fitch; and

11           WHEREAS, Throughout its notable history, First Baptist  
12 Church Euless has relocated and expanded to keep pace with the  
13 congregation's steady growth, and its members have greatly  
14 benefited from the leadership of a host of dedicated pastors who  
15 have brought vision and positive change to this close-knit  
16 community; and

17           WHEREAS, Since answering the call to the pastorate of the  
18 church in 1992, Dr. Thomas has led the dynamic First Baptist Church  
19 Euless congregation, supporting an array of worthy ministries and  
20 special events of benefit to church members and the wider  
21 community; located on approximately 20 acres at 1000 West Airport  
22 Freeway, the church's physical plant provides ample room for the  
23 diverse opportunities offered to its membership, which today  
24 exceeds 14,000 congregants; and

1           WHEREAS, For 100 years, First Baptist Church Euless has  
2 provided outstanding spiritual and moral guidance, and the church  
3 remains a tribute to the commitment and hard work of its members,  
4 past and present, who have given generously of their time, energy,  
5 and financial resources to ensure its continued existence as a  
6 house of worship; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Claude Thomas and the  
9 members of First Baptist Church Euless on the joyous occasion of the  
10 church's 100th anniversary; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the church as a commemoration of this significant  
13 event by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Smith of Tarrant

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor