

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 38

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Claude Thomas and the congregation of First
2 Baptist Church Euless are celebrating the church's centennial of
3 service 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 House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Claude
9 Thomas and the members of First Baptist Church Euless on the joyous
10 occasion of the church's 100th anniversary and extend to them best
11 wishes for a memorable and fulfilling observance; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.