

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On May 16, 2004, the Reverend A. D. Campbell and the  
2 congregation of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas are  
3 marking a significant milestone in the history of the church by  
4 celebrating its 25th anniversary; and

5           WHEREAS, Ten faithful believers, guided by the Reverend E. C.  
6 Estell, Jr., founded the church in early 1979; Reverend Campbell  
7 answered the call to the pastorate in 1985, and he shares his deep  
8 faith and counsel with church members and encourages them to "stand  
9 with confidence and serve with compassion"; and

10           WHEREAS, Responsive to the residents of the greater community  
11 as well as its congregation, the church is a source of hope to many  
12 and a place of practical assistance, and it strives to address  
13 economic, cultural, educational, and spiritual needs; in addition  
14 to stocking a pantry offering food and clothing, the church  
15 supports such important endeavors as a homeless shelter mission, a  
16 nursing home ministry, and a prison ministry; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1996, the Liberty Heights Community Center was  
18 founded under the auspices of the church as a safe haven for young  
19 people, and it has earned praise from the Dallas Police Department  
20 and *Dallas Morning News* for its role in stemming crime and drug  
21 traffic in Southeast Dallas; and

22           WHEREAS, For a quarter-century, Tabernacle Missionary  
23 Baptist Church has provided physical and spiritual nourishment for  
24 countless Texans, and it is a distinct pleasure to join in honoring

1 the church at this time; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
3 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Reverend  
4 Campbell and the congregation of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist  
5 Church on the joyous occasion of the 25th anniversary of the  
6 church's founding and extend to all involved sincere wishes for a  
7 meaningful and memorable observance; and, be it further

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

Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 121

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 121 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House