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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The year 2004 marks the 125th anniversary of the
2 Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Houston; and
3   WHEREAS, The church traces its roots to 1879 when the
4 Reverend W. W. Navigan presided over the first service in a two-room
5 shotgun house on St. Charles Street; services were held at that
6 modest structure until a proper facility was erected at a lot on
7 Dowling Street; and
8   WHEREAS, Since those early days, the Jordan Grove Missionary
9 Baptist Church has benefited from the leadership of a number of
10 outstanding clergymen; that distinguished roster includes the
11 Reverend Lorenzo Williams, the Reverend J. R. Lofton, the Reverend
12 W. A. Joshua, the Reverend William Hayward Banks, the Reverend
13 Murphy H. Peterson, the Reverend David M. Roberts, and interim
14 pastors, the Reverend Jesse Jones and the Reverend Carlos
15 Washington; and
16   WHEREAS, In 1993, the Reverend Danny Davis was called to
17 shepherd the congregation of Jordan Grove; under the inspired
18 guidance of Reverend Davis for the past eleven years, the church has
19 conducted a successful Soul Winning Campaign, expanded its
20 facilities, created a Day Bible Study Class, and welcomed more than
21 500 new members to its thriving congregation; and
22   WHEREAS, For 125 years, the Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist
23 Church in Houston has provided steadfast spiritual and moral
24 guidance to the community it serves, and its continued existence is

1 a tribute to the commitment and faith of its leaders and members,

2 past and present; now, therefore, be it

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

4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of

5 the Jordan Grove Missionary Baptist Church on the joyous occasion

6 of the church's 125th anniversary and extend to them best wishes for

7 a memorable and meaningful 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.