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H.R. No. 220

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the past 113 years, First Shiloh Missionary
2 Baptist Church has offered a spiritual home to members of Houston's
3 Fifth Ward community; and

4 WHEREAS, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was established in
5 the spring of 1891 by a few devout families who had migrated from
6 Shreveport, Louisiana, to Houston to seek employment; they
7 initially met in Kelly Hall on Hill Street, now known as Jensen
8 Drive; over the years, the congregation gathered at a number of
9 different locations until 1955, when the current house of worship
10 was built on Lyons Avenue and renamed First Shiloh Missionary
11 Baptist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Under the inspired leadership of the Reverend James
13 R. Miller since 2000, the church has expanded its membership by 164
14 members, bringing the congregation to a total of 369 worshippers as
15 of February 2004; while experiencing phenomenal growth in recent
16 years, the church has remained focused on its motto, "First Shiloh,
17 a Christ-Centered, Bible Believing, Bible Teaching, Bible Obeying
18 Church," and its three purposes: worship, evangelism, and
19 discipleship; and

20 WHEREAS, Playing a vital role in Houston's Fifth Ward, First
21 Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church has long served as a source of
22 strength and inspiration to its members, and it is most fitting that
23 this venerable place of worship and its dedicated congregation be
24 honored; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend
3 James R. Miller and all those associated with First Shiloh
4 Missionary Baptist Church on the 113th anniversary of their church
5 and that they be commended for the many significant contributions
6 they have made to the betterment of the community; and, be it
7 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.