

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 195

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize First Baptist Church of Midland, which on June 5 and 6, 2004, is celebrating its 50th year at its present location at 2104 West Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, First Baptist Church has its roots in a congregation that originated over 115 years ago; the first church building was a small frame structure that was shared with Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian congregations; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, First Baptist Church has developed into the largest Christian congregation in the Permian Basin; during a typical week, over 3,000 Midland residents worship, study, and enjoy fellowship through the church's numerous programs such as the Academy of Christian Training and Support, Family Life and Counseling, and the Child Development Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the wise stewardship of its previous pastors and the inspirational leadership of its current pastor, the Reverend Gary Dyer, church members have undertaken many worthy projects; in addition to ministering to people in the Permian Basin, First Baptist Church reaches thousands of people throughout the western United States through its television and radio broadcasting service; and

**WHEREAS**, This celebration marks an important milestone in the church's enduring commitment to its holy mission to serve the spiritual needs of many Christians; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and congregation of First Baptist Church of Midland on the jubilant occasion of its 50th anniversary at its present location; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate