

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 209

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2002 marked the 50th anniversary of the
2 Good Street Baptist Church child-care ministry in Dallas; and

3 WHEREAS, Developed under the pastorship of Dr. C. A. W.
4 Clark, the child-care program owes much to the dedicated efforts of
5 an advisory committee, which was chaired by Dr. B. E. Dade and
6 included trustee Mary E. Edwards, deacons I. H. Clayborn, W. H.
7 Jefferson, Preston Martin, and Nathaniel Spigner, and Brother C. R.
8 Robinson; and

9 WHEREAS, Willene Dade was appointed a resource person for the
10 ambitious initiative, and her experience in early childhood
11 education ensured that issues regarding safety, nutrition, and
12 instructional and recreational equipment were adequately
13 addressed; among her most beneficial contributions was
14 coordinating weekly training sessions for teachers and support
15 personnel, some of whom went on to pursue careers as early childhood
16 specialists; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1952, the child-care center came to fruition at
18 the church's Watson Memorial Mission at 3126 Hatcher Street in
19 South Dallas; the program thrived under the dynamic leadership of
20 Mrs. Edwards, a former teacher who served as director during the
21 center's first decade and who set a standard of excellence that has
22 continued unbroken for half a century; the outstanding supervisors
23 who have succeeded Mrs. Edwards have been Verna Raven, Carolyn
24 Madere, LaBelle Jones, and the present director, Gwendolyn Sneed,

1 who has skillfully fostered an enriching environment for the 200
2 children currently enrolled; and

3 WHEREAS, For half a century, the Good Street Baptist Church
4 child-care center has lovingly provided for the physical and
5 spiritual needs of children from its congregation and the greater
6 community, and its successful efforts in this regard have truly
7 enhanced the quality of life for countless Dallas youngsters and
8 their families; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with the Good
11 Street Baptist Church child-care center on the 50th anniversary of
12 its founding and extend to them best wishes for continued success;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Good Street Baptist Church child-care ministry
16 team as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
17 Representatives.