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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 23, 2003, members of West University
2 Baptist Church in Houston are celebrating the 75th anniversary of
3 the church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, "From Generation to Generation" is the theme of this
5 joyous event, which commemorates the rich history of the
6 institution since its organization in 1928 by Nannie David, a
7 missionary who had recently returned from Africa; and

8 WHEREAS, Hundreds of current and former members of the
9 congregation are gathering at the newly renovated church for
10 anniversary festivities that include an alumni breakfast,
11 performances by adult and children's choirs, and a photograph to be
12 taken of all individuals in attendance; a particularly meaningful
13 activity will be the placing of families' letters, photographs, and
14 historical items into a time capsule to be opened at the church's
15 centennial celebration in 2028; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1996 the congregation of West University
17 Baptist Church has been led by the Reverend Dr. G. Barry Landrum;
18 under his inspired guidance the church has continued to thrive,
19 developing a strategic, long-range plan, increasing its budget by
20 50 percent, and instituting a contemporary worship service; and

21 WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, the congregants of
22 West University Baptist Church have demonstrated a steadfast
23 commitment to their faith and to their community, and it is a
24 pleasure to join with them in celebrating this notable milestone in

1 their church's history; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. G. Barry Landrum and the
4 members of West University Baptist Church on the occasion of the
5 church's 75th anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes
6 for a meaningful and memorable celebration; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for West University Baptist Church as an expression of
9 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.