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H.R. No. 405

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Houston
2 mark a significant milestone on March 8, 2003, as they celebrate the
3 50th anniversary of their church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, The congregation was organized in 1952 by a group
5 seeking to form a mission church in the Oak Forest area; the first
6 services were conducted in a fire station in December 1952; and

7 WHEREAS, Designated Gethsemane Lutheran Church on March 8,
8 1953, the Reverend Carl Schmidt was installed as the first pastor in
9 August of that year; the sanctuary, built with the support of the
10 church's dedicated members, opened its doors in 1955; and

11 WHEREAS, Gethsemane has been shepherded by three pastors in
12 addition to Reverend Schmidt, including the Reverend David Hermann,
13 the Reverend Eugene Heckman, and the Reverend John Cain; over the
14 years the church has served generations of Texans, and its current
15 congregation includes 13 of its charter members; and

16 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Gethsemane Lutheran Church has
17 been a source of comfort and inspiration to countless area
18 residents, providing spiritual support and guidance to its growing
19 membership; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor the members of Gethsemane Lutheran Church
22 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the official founding of
23 the church and extend to them warm best wishes for the future; and,
24 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Gethsemane Lutheran Church as an expression of high
3 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.