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H.R. No. 1187

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On May 25, 2003, members of Lighthouse Missionary  
2 Baptist Church in Houston are celebrating the 10th anniversary of  
3 the church's founding, and this joyous event is certain to be a  
4 memorable occasion for all concerned; and

5           WHEREAS, The church was established on May 14, 1993, by a  
6 group of approximately 80 individuals at a meeting held at East Park  
7 Missionary Baptist Church; the Reverend Fred C. Holliday was chosen  
8 to lead the new church as its pastor, assisted by a team of officers  
9 that included La Verne Williams, church clerk; Cassandra Britten,  
10 financial secretary; Jeremiah Williams, treasurer; Frederick  
11 "Ricky" Gilford, minister of music; and Linda Cullins, chorister;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Moreover, the initial organization of the church  
14 included the following departments and their leaders: Sunday  
15 School, Renita R. McNeese, superintendent; mission society, Ruby  
16 Williams, president; usher board, Hazel Glover, president; nurses  
17 board, Effie Johnson, president; Inspired Voices of Christ Choir,  
18 Elizabeth Dillard, president; youth movement, Michael Jefferson,  
19 president; and announcing clerk, Katie Stevens; and

20           WHEREAS, For much of the first year, services were held at  
21 Hilliard Elementary School, with prayer meetings and Bible study  
22 sessions hosted by members in their homes, and nine years later the  
23 church is located at 9707 North Wayside; and

24           WHEREAS, Since its founding a decade ago, Lighthouse

1 Missionary Baptist Church has provided spiritual leadership,  
2 compassion, and unwavering support to those who have worshiped  
3 there, and the church stands today as a tribute to the dedication  
4 and deep commitment of its members, past and present, who have  
5 devoted their time, energy, prayers, and financial resources to  
6 ensure its continued existence as a house of God; now, therefore, be  
7 it

8         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Fred C. Holliday and  
10 the congregation of Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church on the  
11 joyous occasion of the church's 10th anniversary and extend to its  
12 members heartfelt wishes for a memorable and fulfilling observance;  
13 and, be it further

14         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.