

By: Lewis

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On May 18, 2003, the Reverend Manuel Henderson and
2 members of Morning Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church are
3 embarking on a year-long celebration honoring the church's legacy
4 in the life of the Fort Worth community; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in the latter part of the 19th century, the
6 church was the religious home of many former slaves who sought
7 freedom in how they worshipped and in their choice of pastors;
8 members petitioned for separation in 1866 and were granted that
9 request in 1868 by the General Conference of Methodist South; and

10 WHEREAS, The Reverend W. H. Coger provided spiritual
11 leadership for early congregants, among whom were Eugene "Blue"
12 Rollins, Anderson Caville, and Henry C. Williams, who helped build
13 the first church building at 6th and Crump streets; and

14 WHEREAS, For 135 years, Morning Chapel Christian Methodist
15 Episcopal Church, also known as the Old Rock Church, has ministered
16 to area residents and visitors, and it remains a tribute to the
17 generosity of its members, past and present, who have devoted their
18 time, energy, and financial resources to ensure its continued
19 existence as a house of worship; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the pastor and congregation of
22 Morning Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion
23 of the church's 135th anniversary and extend to them best wishes for
24 the future; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Morning Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church as
3 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.