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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members and friends of Bethany Baptist Church in
2 Houston are celebrating, on September 25, 2005, the 80th
3 anniversary of the church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, This beloved institution, which grew out of the
5 ministries of Cottage Grove Church and Houston Gardens Church, was
6 organized in 1925 under the leadership of the Reverend Robert
7 Alexander; that same year, it was admitted into the Union Baptist
8 Association with 52 members; and

9 WHEREAS, Bethany Baptist experienced moderate growth through
10 the years until the early 1960s, when northeast Houston began to
11 undergo dramatic demographic changes; in 1973, during a time of
12 transition within the church and the city, the Reverend C. E. Carr
13 became the congregation's first African American pastor; and

14 WHEREAS, Since assuming the pulpit at Bethany Baptist in the
15 mid-1980s, Dr. Steve W. Hall, Sr., has provided that church with
16 powerful pastoral leadership, overseeing the continued development
17 of the physical plant and impressive growth in the church
18 membership rolls; his unwavering faith and guidance are a blessing
19 to his congregants and the wider community; and

20 WHEREAS, Bethany Baptist Church has been a haven of spiritual
21 hope and assistance for generations of Texans, and it is a pleasure
22 to join in honoring the church on this special day; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Bethany
2 Baptist Church on its 80th anniversary and extend to all those
3 involved with the church sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Bethany Baptist Church as an expression of high regard
7 by the Texas House of Representatives.