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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Congregants of the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas are
2 joining together on July 30, 2005, to celebrate the 35th
3 anniversary of the church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1970, this important place of worship
5 was established by members of the Circle of Friends, the only gay
6 and lesbian organization in Dallas at that time; through the years,
7 the church has undergone a host of significant changes, including
8 the addition of new facilities and a vote to become an independent
9 congregation, and it now has a membership of more than 2,000; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, church members are working towards creating a
11 "Cathedral for the 21st Century," which features the John Thomas
12 Bell Wall, a national AIDS memorial; the new Congregational Life
13 Center, which will provide a permanent home for the Hope Counseling
14 Center, the Family and Children's Ministry, and the TV/Audiovisual
15 Studio; and a new interfaith peace chapel and sanctuary; and

16 WHEREAS, The Cathedral of Hope stands as a tribute to the
17 dedication and hard work of its members, who have tirelessly
18 devoted their time, energy, and resources to ensure its continued
19 existence; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of
22 the Cathedral of Hope on the joyous occasion of the church's 35th
23 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for a meaningful
24 and memorable observance.