

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Church of the Living God, P.G.T., in Athens  
2           celebrated 100 years of faithful witness and service during its  
3           centennial commemoration on July 22-24, 2005; and

4           WHEREAS, The church traces its roots to services that W. H.  
5           Richardson, an evangelist, began holding in November 1905;  
6           congregants initially met under a brush arbor at 511 Chase Street,  
7           but by the end of 1906 they had erected a small frame sanctuary;  
8           that first building was replaced in 1917 by a larger structure,  
9           which was itself later enlarged and remodeled; and

10          WHEREAS, In 1985 the congregation moved into its present  
11          spacious facility on Highway 175 East, where the church now owns  
12          approximately 10 acres; a family-youth center was completed in  
13          2003, providing a full-size gym, a double conference room, five  
14          classrooms, a kitchen, and office space; and

15          WHEREAS, Today the church membership stands at about 200,  
16          while a staff of 13 ministers oversees areas ranging from prayer,  
17          youth, and music to prison outreach; programs offered by the church  
18          include Bible classes, women's groups, four choirs, and a  
19          twice-a-month children's church; and

20          WHEREAS, Eldress Mary Henderson, a native of Athens, serves  
21          as senior pastor of the congregation; after balancing involvement  
22          in the church with her career at First National Bank for a number of  
23          years, she resigned from the bank a decade ago in order to fully  
24          respond to her calling; and

1           WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this venerable church,  
2 succeeding generations have continued to honor and build on the  
3 contributions of members who have gone before; sustained by a  
4 common purpose, warm fellowship, and inspired teaching, the  
5 congregants of the Church of the Living God have remained steadfast  
6 in their care for one another and their ministry to the world around  
7 them, and it is a pleasure to recognize the enduring commitment of  
8 this community of faith; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor the Church of the  
11 Living God, P.G.T., in Athens on the joyful occasion of its  
12 centennial and that all those associated with this church be  
13 extended sincere best wishes as they embark on their second hundred  
14 years of praise and worship; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the Church of the Living God as an expression of high  
17 esteem by the Texas House of Representatives.

Brown of Kaufman

H.R. No. 103

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 103 was adopted by the House on August 4, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House