

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church in San
2 Antonio marked its 55th anniversary on December 11, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded on October 18, 1950, the congregation held
4 its first service on November 5 of that year, with the Reverend O.
5 W. Hodges presiding; the church building, purchased from Hackberry
6 Street Methodist Church by Bishop Joseph Gomez, was officially
7 dedicated on December 17, 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the years, members of St. Joseph have
9 enjoyed the inspired teachings of a host of dedicated ministers;
10 since 1993, the congregation has benefited from the spiritual
11 guidance and leadership of the Reverend Marilyn Ladson Andrews,
12 whose many contributions include renovations and additions to the
13 physical plant, the creation of the Carol Shanklin Outreach
14 Ministry, which is a special ministry for youth, and a radio
15 ministry, the implementation of tutoring services, and the
16 organization of a class leaders council, weekly Bible studies, and
17 prayer meetings; and

18 WHEREAS, United by their shared faith, members of St. Joseph
19 A.M.E. Church have played a vital role in the San Antonio community
20 for more than five decades, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize
21 this milestone in their institution's rich history; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend

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1 Marilyn Ladson Andrews and all those associated with St. Joseph
2 African Methodist Episcopal Church on the 55th anniversary of the
3 church's founding and extend to them best wishes for the future;
4 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 288 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House