

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 218

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the First Baptist Church of Del Rio on the grand occasion of its 110th anniversary, which is being celebrated May 21, 2006, and on the dedication and unveiling of its Official Texas Historical Marker; and

**WHEREAS**, The First Baptist Church of Del Rio was founded on May 24, 1896, by Pastor Frank Marrs from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Kentucky and the Reverend and Mrs. Edwin Stucker, who were missionaries serving families from a railway car; the church was formally organized with six charter members; and

**WHEREAS**, Land was donated to the church, and members moved the church services to an adobe building on the southwest corner of Garfield and Pecan Streets; the church continued to grow with the city, and on February 17, 1925, the members of the congregation laid the cornerstone of a brick and stone structure to replace the adobe building; and

**WHEREAS**, The sanctuary remained home to the First Baptist congregation for 35 years, until the congregation again needed more space; in 1960, a new structure was built outside the downtown area on Avenue G, and the cornerstone from the former sanctuary was incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to the guidance and wise stewardship of its previous pastors and to the outstanding leadership of its current pastor, Ben D. Craver, the First Baptist Church of Del Rio has continued to grow and to play a vital role in the life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Although a fire destroyed early church records, the First Baptist Church of Del Rio has maintained a strong sense of its history and remains true to the vision of service set forth by its founders; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and members of the First Baptist Church of Del Rio on the occasion of its 110th anniversary and extend best wishes to all attending the celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as a memento of this occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate