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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. David O. Dykes and the members of Green Acres
2 Baptist Church in Tyler are celebrating the 50th anniversary of
3 their church in 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Initially a mission of First Baptist Church in
5 Tyler, Green Acres was organized as a New Testament church on May 1,
6 1955, with 297 members, under the pastorate of Cecil W. Johnson;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Green Acres Baptist Church
9 has sought to serve its members and its neighbors in the Tyler
10 community and beyond our nation's borders through various programs;
11 a goodly number of congregants have willingly participated in
12 outreach opportunities in other states as well as many foreign
13 countries, including Nicaragua, Belize, Mexico, Guatemala, the
14 former Soviet Union, and Canada, and a recent collaboration between
15 the church and the mayor will develop a cultural exchange between
16 Tyler and a city in China; and

17 WHEREAS, Designated a Global Priority Church by the
18 International Missions Board and a Key Church by the North American
19 Mission Board for its commitment to missions at home and abroad, the
20 12,000-member congregation faithfully supports the Cooperative
21 Program Missions, and its generous financial support leads the
22 nation's Southern Baptist churches in this regard; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to 20 mission trips planned this year,
24 the church's local efforts include assisting area mission churches,

1 reaching out to residents of multi-housing entities as well as
2 prison inmates and their families, and staffing a portable "Fun
3 Wagon" ministry offering vacation Bible school activities and block
4 parties; and

5 WHEREAS, Green Acres Baptist Church shares its many blessings
6 through ministries related to divorce recovery, death of loved
7 ones, codependency, and addiction, among others; moreover, its Good
8 Samaritan Outreach Center, staffed by more than 500 volunteers each
9 month, provides in excess of 1,300 meals monthly, free medical and
10 dental clinics, and an annual coats for kids drive; and

11 WHEREAS, Two major construction projects underway will
12 result in a \$1.5 million addition to the student ministries
13 building and a 60-acre recreational campus to be the site of events
14 such as church picnics and concerts; and

15 WHEREAS, Green Acres Baptist Church continues to play a
16 pivotal role in the lives of countless Texans and other people
17 across the globe, and it is truly a privilege to join in honoring
18 its pastor and congregation on this special occasion in its rich
19 history; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 warmly congratulate Green Acres Baptist Church on the 50th
22 anniversary of its founding and extend to all involved heartfelt
23 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable observance; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
27 House of Representatives and Senate.