

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church of Houston is  
2 commemorating its 140th anniversary on March 20, 2005, and the  
3 event promises to be a memorable day filled with prayer,  
4 reflection, and celebration among congregants dressed in period  
5 clothing from the era of the church's founding; and

6           WHEREAS, This treasured institution dates back to March 10,  
7 1865, when a group of citizens from the Piney Point community  
8 organized the congregation under the leadership of the Reverend Max  
9 Austin, Sr., and Hannah Rasmus; and

10           WHEREAS, Initially built on a one-acre tract of land  
11 purchased for \$1.50, the church has since moved and undergone  
12 several expansion and renovation projects, adding buildings and  
13 land to keep pace with the needs of its growing membership; today,  
14 its physical plant includes the Pilgrim Rest Activity Center and  
15 the J. B. Alford Memorial Education Building; and

16           WHEREAS, Through the years, the church has benefited from the  
17 vision and guidance of a number of dedicated pastors, including the  
18 Reverend James Ellis Blake, who has ably guided the church through  
19 an exciting period of progress and development since 2002; and

20           WHEREAS, After 140 years of service and fellowship, Pilgrim  
21 Rest remains a tribute to the commitment of its members, past and  
22 present, who have given generously of their time, energy, and  
23 financial resources to ensure its continued existence as a house of  
24 worship; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby honor Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church on  
3   the joyous occasion of its 140th anniversary and extend to its  
4   members heartfelt best wishes for a meaningful observance; and, be  
5   it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 719 was adopted by the House on March 15, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House