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H.R. No. 1042

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members and friends of Pinecrest Presbyterian  
2 Church in Houston are celebrating the 80th anniversary of the  
3 church's founding on June 12, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, The congregation traces its history to April 1925,  
5 when the Reverend James Henry Monroe Boyce established Gregg Street  
6 Presbyterian, the first church of its denomination in the historic  
7 Fifth Ward of Houston; it was later renamed Pinecrest Presbyterian  
8 Church, and in March 1951, a dedication service was held for a new  
9 building at 4913 Market Street, which remains the church home  
10 today; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Pinecrest has sought to serve  
12 its members and neighbors in the wider community; under the  
13 leadership of Reverend Boyce, elected the first African American  
14 minister moderator of the Brazos Presbytery, Pinecrest developed  
15 the first Boy Scout troop for African Americans in Houston, as well  
16 as a Hi-Yi chapter, Girls' Vocation Guidance Club, and vacation  
17 Bible school, and during World War II, the church was involved with  
18 a well-baby clinic and a nutrition center; subsequent outreach  
19 efforts have included the Leavesley Education Center, a preschool,  
20 a thrift store, nutrition and sewing classes, computer education, a  
21 summer enrichment program, youth employment training, refugee  
22 resettlement, and a housing rehabilitation project; and

23 WHEREAS, The church has greatly benefited from the good works  
24 of its dedicated pastors and congregants, including the Reverend J.

1 Daniel Intsiful, a native of Ghana, who answered the call to the  
2 Pinecrest pulpit six months ago, and such noted members as Joyce  
3 Punch, the first woman elected a moderator of the Brazos  
4 Presbytery, and Cheryl Maddox and her family, who are currently  
5 serving as missionaries in Zaire; and

6 WHEREAS, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church continues to be a  
7 blessing in the lives of countless Texans, and it is a pleasure to  
8 join in honoring the church on this special event in its proud  
9 history; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Pinecrest Presbyterian Church on  
12 the joyous occasion of its 80th anniversary and extend best wishes  
13 to everyone involved for a meaningful and memorable observance;  
14 and, be it further

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