

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2005, members and friends of New Hope
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Wheelock are marking an important
3 occasion as they celebrate the dedication of their historic church
4 bell in memory of Sam and Lucy Bell Stubbs Mitchell; and

5 WHEREAS, In the early 1900s after the death of her husband,
6 Mrs. Mitchell gave the congregation permission to build a church on
7 her property; the Mitchells' son, Elijah, later served as a bell
8 ringer, and his daughter, lifelong Wheelock resident Estelle
9 Mitchell Adams, coordinated the campaign to restore the bell; Mrs.
10 Adams fondly remembers her father ringing the bell during her
11 childhood, though it was stilled for nearly 70 years after falling
12 from its tower onto the grassy churchyard; and

13 WHEREAS, Estimated to be about two centuries old, the
14 recently restored bell has played a key role in the life of
15 countless individuals in the close-knit church and surrounding
16 community; depending on the number of its melodious rings, it has
17 signaled many a call to worship as well as notified area residents
18 of myriad births and deaths of family and friends; and

19 WHEREAS, The church bell of New Hope Missionary Baptist
20 Church is a vital link to the rich history of Robertson County and
21 the Lone Star State, and the dedication of its beloved church bell
22 is truly an event to celebrate; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate all those affiliated with New Hope

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1 Missionary Baptist Church on the dedication of their church bell
2 and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
3 further

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

Jones of Dallas
Dunnam

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1632 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House