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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 22, 2005, is a red-letter day at Pleasant Grove
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, for members and friends are
3 celebrating two joyous events--the church's reunion/homecoming and
4 its 133rd anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, This dynamic Fifth Ward institution dates back to
6 1872, when the seed of today's flourishing congregation was a
7 modest core of the faithful, led by Reverend Stewart of Mount Zion
8 Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Worship was initially held in a founder's home; it
10 was moved to a brush arbor, and then to a tabernacle that members
11 had funded and constructed; though fire destroyed more than one of
12 Pleasant Grove's buildings and the church moved several times, the
13 congregation's faith held steady and they built and renovated to
14 meet expanding needs during many exciting periods of growth; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the church home features a spacious
16 5,000-seat domed sanctuary and includes a family life center, Bible
17 bookstore, day-care center, gymnasium, and the A. A. McCardell
18 Academy, named for one of Pleasant Grove's dynamic pastors; and

19 WHEREAS, Under the inspirational leadership of the Reverend
20 C. L. Jackson for the past 3-1/2 decades and his son, the Reverend
21 S. L. Jackson for the past five years, Pleasant Grove Missionary
22 Baptist Church sponsors an array of programs and events, such as the
23 drill squad and the annual prayer bowl, and television, bus,
24 street, prison, jail, and radio ministries; and

1 WHEREAS, For 133 years, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist
2 Church has sought to serve its members and neighbors in the wider
3 community, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the church on
4 this special occasion in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist
7 Church on its reunion/homecoming and 133rd anniversary and extend
8 to all those associated with the celebration sincere best wishes
9 for the future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.