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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas will be  
2 celebrating its 150th Anniversary on August 6, 2005; and

3           WHEREAS, On August 6, 1855, leaders in the city of Dallas and  
4 six families, including the families of John Higgs Cole, Benjamin  
5 Franklin Hall, William Henry Hord, William Brown Miller, Jefferson  
6 Peak, and Harvey Shepherd, came together and formed a church to  
7 share a common belief and to offer worship to God; and

8           WHEREAS, After meeting in private homes and at the Courthouse  
9 the group was joined by the families of James J. Collins, John J.  
10 Eakins, Colby Smith, Dr. John Saunders, Barton Warren Stone, John  
11 Fletcher, M.M. Morrow, William Morton, and Dr. I.L. Van Zandt; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1863 Mr. Charles Carlton came to Dallas and moved  
13 the church services to a schoolhouse, and when he left in 1865 the  
14 church met in the Masonic Hall and later back in the Courthouse  
15 until they built the first church building in Dallas in 1867 near  
16 the corner of Carondelet, now Ross, and Market Streets; and

17           WHEREAS, The church congregation has relocated from  
18 different locations throughout its history, including the Ross and  
19 Market Streets location, which is now a Dallas historical marker  
20 where the church was known as First Christian Church, to property at  
21 the corner of Pearl and Bryan Streets where the first brick church  
22 building built in Dallas in 1881 known as the Pearl and Bryan Church  
23 Christ, to property at the corner of Garland Road and Centerville in  
24 1955 known as the Garland Road Church of Christ, and finally to its

1 current location on Kingsley/LBJ Freeway in 1983 known as the  
2 Highland Oaks Church of Christ; and

3 WHEREAS, The congregation has increased from six families and  
4 twelve members in 1855 to 1,500 members in 2005, and is currently  
5 led by an outstanding minister, Mr. Tim Spivey; now, therefore, be  
6 it

7 WHEREAS, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Highland Oaks Church of Christ  
9 on the 150th Anniversay and for their continuing ministry to the  
10 citizens of Dallas; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the Highland Oaks Church of Christ as an expression of  
13 high regard from the Texas House of Representatives.