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H.R. No. 225

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For a century, Grand Prairie families have come  
2 together to worship at First Presbyterian Church, and the  
3 congregation is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church's  
4 founding in 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie was  
6 officially founded on February 24, 1907, with a charter membership  
7 of 19 individuals; Dallas pastors, and later Trinity University  
8 students, preached for the new congregation until 1911 when the  
9 Reverend W. C. Baber became the first permanent pastor; and

10           WHEREAS, Services were originally held at the Methodist  
11 Church in the afternoon, until a move to the Grand Prairie Civic  
12 Club allowed for morning worship; the Presbyterian group next  
13 rented the Woodmen of the World hall before constructing its first  
14 sanctuary in 1912; the current building at 310 S.W. Third Street,  
15 which was dedicated in 1952, has been expanded and remodeled to keep  
16 pace with the congregation's growth; and

17           WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church stands as a testament of  
18 the faith and dedication of its members, both past and present,  
19 whose prayers and support have helped to ensure its continuing  
20 existence; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with First  
23 Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie on the 100th anniversary of  
24 the founding of their church and extend to them best wishes for many

1 more years of worship together; and, be it further

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