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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Olivet Missionary Baptist Church in
2 Houston are celebrating 75 years of service to the Fifth Ward
3 community at the church's first annual scholarship awards banquet
4 on August 24, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, The church has played a key role in the spiritual
6 development of countless Texans since its founding on August 31,
7 1932; the Reverend H. B. Bennett led the first congregation, and his
8 deep commitment to Olivet MBC and the wider community has been
9 mirrored by those pastors who have succeeded him: the Reverends
10 Howard Watson Branch, D. C. Mitchell, Nathaniel T. Burks, Sr.,
11 Kenneth B. Spears, Raynard Hillis, Booker Wesley Austin, Jr., and
12 Robert L. Thomas, Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, Formerly the church's associate minister and youth
14 pastor, Reverend Thomas served as interim pastor for a short time
15 before his permanent appointment in February 2004; a number of
16 advancements have been realized under his leadership, and today
17 congregants have rededicated themselves to furthering the church's
18 worthy goals; and

19 WHEREAS, Reaching out to parishioners and residents of the
20 surrounding area through a variety of beneficial programs, Olivet
21 MBC provides a nurses ministry, a care team, health screenings, and
22 a financial ministry that helps individuals save money and explore
23 investing and other options; and

24 WHEREAS, The faithful congregants and leaders of Olivet

1 Missionary Baptist Church have long been dedicated to serving area
2 residents, and they may indeed reflect with pride on the
3 contributions they have made to the community since the church's
4 establishment; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of Olivet Missionary
7 Baptist Church on the 75th anniversary of the church's founding and
8 extend to them best wishes for a successful scholarship awards
9 banquet; 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.