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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Dallas District of the Church of the Nazarene is  
2 celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008; and

3           WHEREAS, The Reverend Charles B. Jernigan played an integral  
4 role in the establishment of the district as the organizer of the  
5 first Independent Holiness Church, started in Van Alstyne in 1901,  
6 and as an incorporator of the Holiness Association of Texas; and

7           WHEREAS, These events led to the development of two centers  
8 of Wesleyan-holiness ministry in North Texas; the Peniel community  
9 developed near Greenville and congregants established a meeting  
10 camp, an orphanage, a college, and a biweekly publication, *Texas*  
11 *Holiness Advocate*; the Pilot Point community, where Reverend  
12 Jernigan and other holiness revivalists made their headquarters,  
13 helped to support a maternity home, a Bible training school, and *The*  
14 *Holiness Evangel* paper; and

15           WHEREAS, The Independent Holiness Church later merged with  
16 the New Testament Church of Christ to form the Holiness Church of  
17 Christ, and in 1908 the group merged with two other churches to form  
18 the Church of the Nazarene as a national denomination; and

19           WHEREAS, The current Dallas District of the Church of the  
20 Nazarene was created as a result of this merger, and the houses of  
21 worship, missions, and ministries founded by the Holiness Church of  
22 Christ were reorganized under the district system of the Nazarenes;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, For a century, the Dallas District has provided

1 exceptional leadership and encouragement to the congregations  
2 under its guidance, and the devotion and constancy that  
3 strengthened their forebears continue to inform their efforts  
4 today; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Dallas  
7 District of the Church of the Nazarene and extend to all those  
8 associated with the group sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
9 be it further

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