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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in
 Irving celebrated the notable milestone of their congregation's
 50th anniversary on October 28 through 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Plans to found Plymouth Park began in 1954, when the Dallas Baptist Association contacted Dr. C. E. Colton and asked him to sponsor a new mission in Irving; along with his congregation at North Temple Baptist Church, Dr. Colton helped establish the new church, which held its first service in June 1954; and

9 WHEREAS, Plymouth Park Baptist Church was officially 10 organized in 1956 with Reverend Oral Bowman as its pastor; under his 11 leadership, the church prospered, and was named Texas Baptist 12 Church of the Year in 1966; noted evangelist Reverend B. O. Barker 13 accepted ministerial responsibilities in 1973, and during his 14 tenure, the church added hundreds of new members and a number of 15 ministries and activities; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Ken Branam, who has led the church since 17 1989, carries forward the tradition of inspirational teaching and 18 guidance established by his predecessors, and Plymouth Park 19 continues to offer a spiritual home for its many members while it 20 also serves as a source for important mission work, both locally and 21 abroad; and

22 WHEREAS, For half a century, Plymouth Park Baptist Church has 23 been well served by its dedicated clergy and members, whose 24 devotion, hard work, and prayers have helped to make Irving a better

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1 place to live and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with Plymouth Park Baptist Church on the 50th anniversary of the church's founding and extend to Reverend Branam and his congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1756 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House