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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in
2 Irving celebrated the notable milestone of their congregation's
3 50th anniversary on October 28 through 29, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Plans to found Plymouth Park began in 1954, when the
5 Dallas Baptist Association contacted Dr. C. E. Colton and asked him
6 to sponsor a new mission in Irving; along with his congregation at
7 North Temple Baptist Church, Dr. Colton helped establish the new
8 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

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

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

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