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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, For 50 years, families have come together to
celebrate their faith at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington;
and

WHEREAS, Established in 1957 by 58 charter members, the church was originally named in honor of its first pastor, M. P. Bishop, and congregants gathered to worship at City Hall; when its first building was constructed a year later, the institution was rededicated as Fielder Road Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, This notable house of worship has played a vital 10 role in the community, providing its members with a welcome 11 opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach; 12 ministries and facilities are frequently expanded to better meet 13 the needs of members and area residents; and

WHEREAS, The congregation has been blessed with many compassionate and able leaders through the years, and today that legacy continues with the inspired teachings of Dr. Gary A. Smith; and

18 WHEREAS, For half a century, Fielder Road Baptist Church has 19 served as a source of strength and guidance to those who have 20 worshiped there, and the church stands as a tribute to the faith and 21 dedication of its members, both past and present, who have devoted 22 their time, prayers, and resources to ensure its continued 23 existence; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

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Legislature hereby honor Fielder Road Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend best wishes for the future to Dr. Gary A. Smith and his congregation; 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. 1867 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House