

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 360

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mount Zion Baptist Church on the celebratory occasion of the dedication of its official Texas Historical Marker on March 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church was originally organized as the Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1866 by Abe and Joe Osborne and Louis Thompson; it was reorganized as Mount Zion Baptist Church in the 1880s under the leadership of the Reverend P. H. Collier; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mount Zion Baptist Church has ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of its congregation; and

WHEREAS, Due to the guidance and wise stewardship of its pastors and to the outstanding guidance of its current pastor, Edward Joiner, the church has continued to grow and to undertake many worthy projects in the community; and

WHEREAS, For over a century, Mount Zion Baptist Church has remained true to the vision of service set forth by its founders; and

WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church is one of our state's historical treasures, and the people who have supported it over the years deserve recognition for preserving a unique part of the history of Sealy and Austin County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate the members of Mount Zion Baptist Church on obtaining a historical marker and extend best wishes for a bright future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate