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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the First Baptist Church of Katy
2 marked a momentous event in the history of their church with the
3 celebration of its 110th anniversary on November 20, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized on that day in 1898 by 12 Katy pioneers,
5 the church was originally known as Zion Baptist; members met in the
6 town's one-room schoolhouse and later held services in a building
7 owned by area Methodists; the Baptist congregation erected its
8 first sanctuary in 1914, and through the years, steady growth led to
9 the construction of several new facilities, including the church's
10 current home on Pin Oak Road; and

11 WHEREAS, The Reverend T. L. Scruggs served as the
12 congregation's first pastor, and the church has since been blessed
13 with the inspired leadership of 31 ministers; today, that legacy
14 continues with the help of a talented ministerial staff that
15 includes senior pastor Dr. Randy White, minister to young adults
16 Jeff Adams, minister to students Domenic Grotti, minister of music
17 Walt Brown, minister of education Ed Jent, director of prayer and
18 volunteer enlistment Margaret Edwards, and director of pastoral
19 care Martin Crowell; and

20 WHEREAS, Providing a spiritual home to some 3,000 local
21 residents, First Baptist also directs an annual outreach in Mexico,
22 where it has established 12 mission churches; moreover, the
23 congregation contributes to worldwide missions through its
24 membership in the Southern Baptist Convention; and

1 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Katy has served as a source
2 of strength and guidance for more than a century, and the
3 institution stands as a tribute to the faith and dedication of its
4 members, both past and present, who have devoted their time,
5 prayers, and resources to ensure its continued existence; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize the 110th anniversary of First Baptist
9 Church of Katy and extend to all those associated with the church
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the First Baptist Church of Katy as an expression of
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.