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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Killeen is beginning a fresh
2 chapter in its proud history with the dedication of its new
3 sanctuary in the spring of 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Originally founded in the small town of Palo Alto in
5 1873, First Baptist Church moved to Killeen in 1883; the
6 congregation met in the community's schoolhouse until a wooden
7 tabernacle could be built; and

8 WHEREAS, A redbrick sanctuary was constructed at the corner
9 of Fourth and Green Streets in 1917 to accommodate the community's
10 growing population; the church began to attract members from Fort
11 Hood during World War II, and in 1949 the church dedicated a
12 separate education building; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1955, another sanctuary and an education center
14 were built, and these buildings and the original redbrick church
15 were joined together by the Welcome Center in 1963; the Clements
16 Chapel was dedicated in 1976, replacing the original redbrick
17 structure; and

18 WHEREAS, Now, under the leadership of Pastor Randall Wallace,
19 this dynamic congregation is expanding again into a handsome
20 contemporary complex on 20 acres of land, helping the church to
21 enhance its prominent position in the community and support its
22 many missions overseas; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than 125 years, the First Baptist Church
24 has played a vital role in the lives of the citizens of Killeen and

1 the soldiers of Fort Hood, and the opening of its new facility is a
2 fitting opportunity to celebrate the proud legacy and bright future
3 of this Killeen institution; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate First Baptist Church of Killeen on
6 the dedication of its new sanctuary in 2009 and extend to the church
7 best wishes for its continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the congregation of First Baptist Church of Killeen as
10 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.