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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Academy is celebrating its
2 50th anniversary on March 8, 2009, and the event promises to be a
3 memorable day filled with prayer, reflection, and celebration; and

4 WHEREAS, Since it opened its doors in 1959, First Baptist has
5 greatly benefited from the dedication of its leaders, including
6 Pastor Brent Boatwright, who currently provides caring guidance to
7 the membership; and

8 WHEREAS, Although the church building was destroyed by fire
9 in 1990, the congregation of First Baptist replaced the structure
10 with a determination and optimism that touched others throughout
11 the community; a recently published book detailing the first
12 half-century of First Baptist includes photographs of the fire and
13 the process of rebuilding; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the church offers opportunities for
15 spiritual enrichment to the wider community through various
16 outreach programs; among its efforts, the church sponsors
17 ministries for children, singles, and seniors, as well as regular
18 mission trips; and

19 WHEREAS, For half a century, First Baptist Church has
20 remained a source of strength, comfort, and inspiration for Central
21 Texans, and it is fitting to recognize its congregants, past and
22 present, on the occasion of this notable milestone; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of First
2 Baptist Church of Academy and extend to Pastor Brent Boatwright and
3 all members of this venerable Baptist church sincere best wishes
4 for a meaningful celebration; and, be it further

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