

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 125th anniversary of Bethel
2 Baptist Church in Whitewright, and members are celebrating this
3 significant milestone on April 26; and

4 WHEREAS, Officially organized in 1884, Bethel Baptist Church
5 was first led by Brother Bob Thomas, who shepherded the original 37
6 members; in 1897, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Autrey deeded to the
7 congregation's leadership the land on which the church still stands
8 today, and the first building was dedicated on August 15 of that
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, A new facility was constructed in 1937, the
11 baptistery was completed in 1949, and an educational building was
12 added in 2002; after a tornado destroyed the sanctuary in 2006, a
13 new one was erected the following year, and the congregation will
14 celebrate its dedication in conjunction with this milestone
15 anniversary; and

16 WHEREAS, For 125 years, Bethel Baptist Church has served as a
17 source of strength and guidance to those who have worshiped there,
18 and the church stands as a tribute to the faith and dedication of
19 its members, both past and present, who have devoted their time,
20 prayers, and resources to ensure its continued existence; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Bethel Baptist Church on its 125th
24 anniversary and extend to the congregation sincere best wishes for

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1 the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1892 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House