

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in  
2 Galveston are celebrating the 120th anniversary of their church's  
3 founding on May 17, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, Since its organization by 16 charter members in  
5 1889, the congregation of Macedonia has benefited from the able  
6 leadership of many outstanding clergymen; today, that tradition of  
7 dedicated pastoral service is continued by the Reverend A. Wilford  
8 Colbert, who assumed the pulpit of this historic church in 1993; and

9           WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and inspired by the  
10 achievements of members who have gone before, the congregants of  
11 Macedonia carry out a wide range of ministries that offer  
12 fellowship, encourage spiritual growth, and provide opportunities  
13 for assisting those in need; and

14           WHEREAS, Macedonia also engages in the wider community in a  
15 number of ways, such as working to foster intercultural  
16 understanding, hosting gatherings related to local concerns,  
17 offering health screenings, and participating in voter  
18 registration drives; in addition, the church provides space for  
19 community functions and supports the Ambassadors Preparatory  
20 Academy charter school, which Reverend Colbert was instrumental in  
21 launching; and

22           WHEREAS, Macedonia's sanctuary has stood at the corner of  
23 29th Street and Avenue M-1/2 since before the turn of the 20th  
24 century; the first permanent church building on that site was

1 destroyed by the Galveston Storm of 1900, and the sanctuary that  
2 replaced it was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008; this  
3 resilient congregation has recently completed repairs to their  
4 facilities, however, and purchased several new properties to  
5 facilitate future growth; and

6 WHEREAS, For well over a century, countless Galveston  
7 residents have looked to Macedonia for spiritual support and  
8 guidance, and it is a privilege to join in honoring the church at  
9 this special time in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 120th anniversary of Macedonia  
12 Missionary Baptist Church and extend to its pastor and congregation  
13 sincere best wishes for a joyous and memorable celebration; and, be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2130

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2130 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House