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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.