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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church of
2 San Antonio are marking a joyous event on November 22, 2009, with
3 the commemoration of the 95th anniversary of their church's
4 founding; and

5 WHEREAS, Organized in 1914 under the leadership of the
6 Reverend Ollie Edwards of New Light Church, the early congregants
7 met in each other's homes until a structure could be obtained for
8 services; in 1915, Greater Mount Olive members were provided free
9 meeting space in a building owned by a Mr. Oppenheimer, and in 1917,
10 the building and land were purchased for \$750; and

11 WHEREAS, Greater Mount Olive has benefited from the
12 dedication of outstanding pastors, including Dr. J. N. Byrd, who
13 served for 49 years, and the Reverend A. W. Cole, who has guided the
14 church since 1983; and

15 WHEREAS, Responsive to the physical and spiritual needs of
16 members of the church and the Alamo City, the congregation of
17 Greater Mount Olive supports programs such as vacation Bible school
18 and a food pantry, as well as an outreach ministry; and

19 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Greater Mount Olive Baptist
20 Church has been a source of strength, comfort, and inspiration to
21 its members, and it is fitting that its clergy and parishioners,
22 both past and present, be honored on this celebratory occasion;
23 now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Reverend Cole and the congregants
2 of Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church on the 95th anniversary of
3 their church and extend to all involved sincere best wishes for the
4 future; 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.