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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2009, the members of St. Paul Missionary
2 Baptist Church in Brookshire are celebrating the 111th anniversary
3 of their church's establishment; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1898 by the Reverend Armstead Brandyberg,
5 the First Colored Baptist Church of Brookshire began on a tract of
6 land purchased for \$20; it was able to expand thanks to a generous
7 land donation from Deacon Charlie Smith, and with the construction
8 of a church building, it was renamed St. Paul Missionary Baptist
9 Church; and

10 WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the able
11 leadership of many dedicated pastors, and today the tradition of
12 service continues under the direction of the Reverend Dr. Lee
13 Jones, Jr.; officially installed in March 1978, he has been a
14 blessing to his congregants, and his guidance helped to make
15 possible a new worship facility, completed in June 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and strong traditions,
17 members support a variety of commendable programs that offer
18 fellowship as well as help to those in need; in addition to an
19 extensive music ministry, the church has an active youth ministry,
20 a brotherhood and women's mission ministry, and an education
21 committee that provides scholarships; moreover, this "Church with a
22 Big Heart" is home to Christians Against Drugs, a nonprofit group
23 helping to combat addiction; and

24 WHEREAS, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church has long served

1 as a source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there,
2 and its continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering
3 commitment of its members, both past and present; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 111th anniversary of St. Paul
7 Missionary Baptist Church and extend to the congregation sincere
8 best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.