

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 549**

**WHEREAS,** Members of the Chosen Vessel Cathedral in Fort Worth are joining together on April 5, 2009, to celebrate the dedication of the new Community Life and Learning Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Guided by the missionary efforts of Annie Gillispy, Chosen Vessel Cathedral was established in 1920; the first Afro-American apostolic church in Fort Worth, it has been blessed with many compassionate and able leaders through the years, including Bishop William North and Elders Frank Coats, John Sanders, William Thompson, William Foree, and Thomas Jones; today, that tradition of service continues with the inspired teachings of the church's senior pastor, Bishop Richard E. Young; and

**WHEREAS,** Through regular worship services, outreach efforts, and the development of special programs, the church strives to serve members of all ages as well as the greater community; and

**WHEREAS,** In an effort to better meet that goal, Chosen Vessel Cathedral has established the new Community Life and Learning Center; containing a basketball and volleyball court, bowling alley, fitness center, sports cafe, and several classrooms, this notable facility will also be the new home for the Southwest Community Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization founded by Bishop Young in 2002; in addition, the center will help to bolster efforts to assist youth and community outreach by providing space for additional government-funded programming, including Project F.A.M.I.L.Y. and a mentorship program for children of incarcerated parents; and

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**WHEREAS**, Sustained by a common purpose and warm fellowship, the congregants of Chosen Vessel Cathedral have remained steadfast in their dedication to their church and in their ministry to the world around them, and it is a pleasure to join in commemorating this special event; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby warmly congratulate all those associated with Chosen Vessel Cathedral on the dedication of the new Community Life and Learning Center and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate