

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church in Quitman are
2 celebrating the 150th anniversary of their church's founding in
3 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church is thought to be the
5 oldest African American church in Wood County and was organized
6 around 1861 under the leadership of the Reverend Austin Davis, the
7 church's first pastor, and the Reverend Jeff Warlick; the members
8 originally met and conducted services outside, beneath a brush
9 arbor, but in the fall of 1861 Bob Johnson, Sr., donated land where
10 the church cemetery is now located; a church edifice was built by
11 the Reverend Henry Brown, and the congregation continues to possess
12 a bench and a bell that were part of the original church fixtures;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Through the decades, Mt. Shiloh has benefited from
15 the dedicated efforts of many outstanding members of the clergy; in
16 the early 1960s, the Reverend C. Alexander became the pastor, and
17 during his tenure he restructured the morning services and planned
18 an evening service and other functions; he was succeeded by the
19 Reverend Beverly Montgomery, who assisted the church in securing
20 new pews and remodeling the entrance and sanctuary, as well as in
21 organizing the Baptist Training Union; and

22 WHEREAS, Numerous other area churches began as branches of
23 Mt. Shiloh, which is led today by the Reverend Troy Miller, who has
24 served as pastor for more than two decades; he is the grandson of

1 the late Reverend Alexander, while his wife, Yolanda Miller, is the
2 granddaughter of the late Lee A. Mabry and Fleetie Mabry, both
3 longtime members of Mt. Shiloh; and

4 WHEREAS, On June 26, 2011, the church marked its
5 sesquicentennial anniversary with a special celebration featuring
6 guest speaker Linda McCullough of Brocks Chapel United Methodist
7 Church in Quitman; and

8 WHEREAS, Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church has long served as a
9 source of spiritual enrichment to those who worship there, and its
10 continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of
11 its members, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 150th
14 anniversary of the founding of Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church and extend
15 to the congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
16 further

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

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H.R. No. 290

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 290 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House