

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in
2 San Antonio celebrated the 75th anniversary of their church's
3 founding in June 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Antioch was organized on June 7, 1935, by 53 charter
5 members, who soon welcomed the Reverend Rufus Wilson as their
6 pastor; the congregation worshiped in a tent in a member's backyard
7 and then in a laundry building before moving to its current location
8 on the corner of Nolan and Walters Streets, where an old house was
9 renovated for worship; the church was upgraded again in 1947; and

10 WHEREAS, The Reverend John Joseph Rector assumed the pulpit
11 in 1952, and during his 40-year tenure Antioch grew and prospered,
12 sponsoring a housing development in the late 1960s and building a
13 new sanctuary in 1974; following Pastor Rector's death in 1993, the
14 Reverend E. Thurman Walker stepped up to lead the church into the
15 new millennium; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Pastor Walker's leadership, the church opened
17 a school, Antioch Christian Academy, in 1995 and established a
18 community development program, the Antioch Community
19 Transformation Network, in 2000; the Antioch Sports Complex and
20 Community Center, which followed in 2005, features an
21 NCAA-regulation basketball and volleyball court, a walking track,
22 fitness equipment, and an aerobics and dance studio; since the
23 passing of Reverend Walker in 2009, the congregation has been led by
24 the Reverend Kenneth R. Kemp; and

1 WHEREAS, Countless San Antonio residents have looked to
2 Antioch Missionary Baptist Church for spiritual enrichment and
3 guidance through the years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring
4 the church at this special time in its rich history; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Antioch
8 Missionary Baptist Church and extend to its members and clergy
9 sincere best wishes for the future; 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.

McClendon

H.R. No. 352

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 352 was adopted by the House on
February 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House