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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.