## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Outland Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Fort Worth is hosting the 128th Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church from June 8 to 12, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Organized in 1796 and chartered in 1801, the A.M.E. Zion Church serves more than one million members under the leadership of the General Conference, the Board of Bishops, and 12 elected general officers and department heads; and

WHEREAS, The group has earned the title of Freedom Church for its work to promote racial justice, peace, and harmony; its houses of worship have helped families to find jobs, affordable housing, and health care and day care services, as well as assistance with financial planning; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its efforts to support social change in the U.S., it has also established churches on six of the seven continents, with schools and clinics throughout Ghana and Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Many Texans have looked to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church for spiritual enrichment and guidance through the years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the organization at this special time in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the l28th Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and extend to its participants sincere best wishes for a productive

1 and meaningful event; and, be it further

## Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 919 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2011, by a non-record vote.

