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H.R. No. 1138

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 100 years, families have come together to
2 celebrate their faith at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort
3 Worth; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1911 through the Tarrant Baptist
5 Association, Travis Avenue Baptist Church had an average of 65
6 people in attendance each week in its early days; today, the house
7 of worship supports 4,000 resident members; and

8 WHEREAS, Travis Avenue Baptist has played a vital role in the
9 community, providing area residents with myriad opportunities for
10 spiritual growth, fellowship, and community outreach; more than
11 36,000 individuals benefit from its ministries, which offer food
12 and clothing to those in need; in addition, the institution gives
13 more than \$200,000 annually to assist worthwhile initiatives across
14 the globe, and it sends mission teams to a number of international
15 locations, including Cambodia, India, and Malaysia; and

16 WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the able
17 direction of Dr. Michael Dean, who has served as pastor at Travis
18 Avenue Baptist for 20 years; during the past two decades, he has led
19 with conviction and compassion, and his efforts have helped the
20 church to pay off more than \$7 million in debt while remodeling the
21 sanctuary and constructing a new central plant, welcome center, and
22 children's ministry center; and

23 WHEREAS, Travis Avenue Baptist Church has long served as a
24 source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and

1 its continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment
2 of its members, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Travis Avenue Baptist Church on the 100th
5 anniversary of its founding and commend Dr. Michael Dean for his
6 exceptional service to the institution; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.