

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ in  
2 Dallas are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their church's  
3 founding in 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Organized in 1961 by 25 charter members, the church  
5 acquired its first facility at a site on South Boulevard and  
6 Jeffries Street; seeking to accommodate its growing membership, the  
7 congregation purchased property on Fourth Avenue, and the church  
8 took its present name; in 1963, during the civil rights movement,  
9 that building was destroyed by arson, but the structure was later  
10 replaced; the institution has continued to grow since that time,  
11 expanding to a new facility across the street in 1982 and adding a  
12 Family Life Center in 2001; and

13           WHEREAS, Along the way, the church has benefited from the  
14 dedicated efforts of a number of outstanding clergymen, including  
15 Brother Jerry Norris, who leads the congregation today with the  
16 assistance of his wife, Sister Johnnie Norris; and

17           WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and strong traditions,  
18 the members of this notable house of worship sponsor a variety of  
19 commendable programs that offer fellowship as well as help to those  
20 in need; in addition to caring for the homeless, the congregation  
21 has supported missionaries, ministerial students, and the  
22 Adopt-a-School program; and

23           WHEREAS, Countless South Dallas residents have looked to the  
24 Fourth Avenue Church of Christ for spiritual enrichment and

1 guidance through the years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring  
2 the church at this special time in its rich history; now, therefore,  
3 be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ on the  
6 50th anniversary of its founding and extend to its members sincere  
7 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1837

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1837 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House