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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.