

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of First Presbyterian Church of Garland
2 are celebrating the 125th anniversary of their church's founding on
3 April 21, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1888 as the First Cumberland
5 Presbyterian Church of Garland, the church took its present name
6 following the merger in 1906 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7 and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.; First Presbyterian now numbers
8 some 300 members, who extend a warm welcome to newcomers and who
9 treasure the sense of being part of a large, vibrant, and caring
10 family; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1994, the congregation moved from its old red
12 brick sanctuary into a new facility; stained-glass windows from the
13 previous sanctuary provide a strong element of continuity, while
14 the circular architectural design and fixtures of the new interior
15 serve to remind worshipers of the circle of life; and

16 WHEREAS, United by its shared faith and strong traditions,
17 the congregation supports a variety of commendable programs that
18 offer help to those in need; its outreach efforts include working
19 with Meals on Wheels, participating in homebuilding and other
20 mission activities in Mexico and Guatemala, and contributing to the
21 alleviation of hunger and poverty in the third world; and

22 WHEREAS, Countless residents have looked to First
23 Presbyterian Church of Garland for spiritual enrichment and
24 guidance through the years, and it is a privilege to join in

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1 honoring the church at this special time in its history; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the
5 founding of First Presbyterian Church of Garland and extend to all
6 those associated with the church sincere best wishes for the
7 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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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 519 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House