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H.R. No. 519

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

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.