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H.R. No. 847

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in  
2 Houston celebrated the 50th anniversary of their church's  
3 establishment in January 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, The fledgling church was organized in the home of  
5 its founder, the Reverend F. B. Bryant, and his wife, Thelma  
6 Bryant, on January 16, 1963; starting with 15 members, the church  
7 grew to include more than 220 people within three years, and three  
8 choirs were assembled to provide music for the services; and

9 WHEREAS, In time, the church moved to its current location on  
10 Kashmere Street; Reverend Bryant passed away in 2003 after leading  
11 the church for a remarkable 40 years, and in 2005 the Reverend Jesse  
12 Lamont Bess was chosen as its pastor; today, Faith MBC members help  
13 further the work of their church through service on trustee,  
14 deacon, deaconess, and usher boards and through Sunday school,  
15 youth, culinary, and housekeeping ministries; and

16 WHEREAS, Faith Missionary Baptist Church has long served as a  
17 source of spiritual enrichment to those who worship there, and its  
18 continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of  
19 its clergy and its members, both past and present; now, therefore,  
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Faith  
23 Missionary Baptist Church in Houston and extend to the congregation  
24 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
3 House of Representatives.