

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, families have come together
2 to celebrate their faith at Garden Oaks Baptist Church in Houston;
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4 WHEREAS, This notable institution was established by Brother
5 T. T. Reynolds and by 57 charter congregants on September 28, 1941,
6 at Garden Oaks Elementary School; the church was one of the first to
7 be located in the Garden Oaks neighborhood, which was then on
8 Houston's periphery; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1944, the church purchased two lots on Shepherd
10 Drive for the construction of a building, and soon after breaking
11 ground in 1947, the congregation began holding services in the new
12 structure; by 1950, church membership had swelled to more than 500,
13 which led to the dedication of a larger sanctuary in 1954; and

14 WHEREAS, Garden Oaks Baptist is led today by Pastor Jim
15 Daniel, whose compassion, wisdom, and insight are a continuing
16 source of inspiration to his congregation; the church offers a
17 number of ministries and programs to meet the needs of its diverse
18 membership and also engages in extensive outreach; its programs
19 include a number that are tailored to youth, among them an early
20 learning center that serves children of preschool age; and

21 WHEREAS, For over seven decades, Garden Oaks Baptist Church
22 has served as a source of strength and guidance to those who have
23 worshiped there, and the church stands as a tribute to the faith and
24 dedication of its members, both past and present, who have devoted

1 their time, prayers, and resources to ensure its continued
2 existence; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of Garden Oaks
5 Baptist Church and extend to Pastor Jim Daniel and his congregation
6 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1455

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1455 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House