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H.R. No. 1455

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.