

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the First Presbyterian Church of Brazoria
2 gathered on September 13, 2014, to celebrate both the 101st
3 anniversary of the church's founding and the dedication of an
4 official Texas Historical Marker from the Texas Historical
5 Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church was established in 1913 by
7 the Reverend J. C. Johnson, an evangelist for Brazos Presbytery,
8 and 11 charter members; the congregation first held services at
9 Smith's Store in downtown Brazoria and in 1916 moved into a new
10 sanctuary built at the corner of Louisiana and Virginia Streets;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In the decades since, First Presbyterian has
13 flourished, and the church has made many renovations to its
14 original building to accommodate its burgeoning membership; the
15 congregation has also expanded its reach by supporting numerous
16 missions across the globe; and

17 WHEREAS, This venerable house of worship has benefited from
18 the dedicated efforts of many outstanding clergy members, including
19 its current pastor, the Reverend Debbie Measells; moreover, a
20 number of members of the congregation today are descendants of the
21 first families to join the church; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than a century, the First
23 Presbyterian Church of Brazoria has served as a source of
24 inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its

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1 continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of
2 its members, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 101st anniversary of the First
5 Presbyterian Church of Brazoria and congratulate its members and
6 clergy on the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker; and, be it
7 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. 470 was adopted by the House on March 5, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House