By: Bonnen of Brazoria                                    H.R. No. 470

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

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.