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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 175 years, residents of Galveston have come  
2 together to celebrate their faith at First Presbyterian Church; and

3           WHEREAS, First Presbyterian was established on January 1,  
4 1840, by the Reverend John McCullough and 14 congregants; services  
5 were held in a modest wooden building until construction on the  
6 current facility began in 1872; built in a popular Romanesque  
7 Revival style, it has been listed as a Recorded Texas Historic  
8 Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places; and

9           WHEREAS, The first church to be organized in Galveston, it  
10 has undergone numerous restorations and renovations over the years  
11 while playing a vital role in the community and providing its  
12 members with myriad opportunities for spiritual growth,  
13 fellowship, and outreach; it survived a fire in 1885 that destroyed  
14 more than 500 structures, and it withstood the Great Galveston  
15 Hurricane of 1900 as well as other major hurricanes in 1961 and  
16 2008; and

17           WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church serves as a source of  
18 inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its  
19 continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of  
20 its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of the  
23 founding of First Presbyterian Church and extend to the  
24 congregation and clergy sincere best wishes for the future; and, be

1 it further

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