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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lord's servants dedicate themselves to helping 2 individuals grow in their faith, and Senior Pastor Michael Kessler 3 of Trinity Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant has long demonstrated 4 his commitment to that worthy goal; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Yorktown, Virginia, Mike Kessler 6 graduated from York High School and went on to earn a bachelor's 7 degree in music from Carson-Newman University and a master's degree 8 in divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; while 9 pursuing his undergraduate and seminary studies, he served as youth 10 and music minister at Armona Baptist Church in Alcoa, Tennessee, 11 and at First Baptist Church Meridian in Comanche, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kessler was hired as associate pastor of music, youth, outreach, and discipleship at Trinity Baptist Church in 14 1988, and he was named senior pastor in 2003; throughout his tenure, 15 he has dedicated himself to the service of his congregation and his 16 community, and he has also shared the Gospel around the globe 17 through mission work; his joyful ministry abundantly reflects the 18 church's calling to "love Jesus and love others"; and

WHEREAS, Married for 24 years to the former Amy Amerson, Mike Kessler has been further blessed with two treasured daughters, Hannah and Christina; and

22 WHEREAS, Michael Kessler has wholeheartedly committed his 23 talents and energies to serving the congregation of Trinity Baptist 24 Church, and his devotion to the faith has provided valued

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inspiration and guidance to his community; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas Legislature hereby honor the Reverend Michael Kessler for his 27 years of service in behalf of Trinity Baptist Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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