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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston
2 are joining together on September 17, 2017, to celebrate the 52nd
3 anniversary of their church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1945 by 12 charter congregants who
5 first met at a local elementary school, Brentwood has since played a
6 vital role in the community, providing its members with myriad
7 opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach; and

8 WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the able
9 leadership of a number of dedicated pastors, and since 1980, that
10 tradition of service has been continued by Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff;
11 over the course of Dr. Ratliff's tenure, membership has increased
12 from 500 to more than 7,000; moreover, the church has been
13 recognized with a Five Star Award for excellence in Christian
14 ministry; and

15 WHEREAS, Brentwood Baptist Church has long served as a source
16 of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its
17 continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of
18 its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 52nd
21 anniversary of Brentwood Baptist Church and extend to the
22 congregation sincere best wishes for many more years of shared
23 prayer and fellowship; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives.