

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pittsburg
2 celebrated the 60th anniversary of their church's founding on July
3 16, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1954 as a mission of First Baptist
5 Church of Pittsburg, this notable house of worship became an
6 independent entity on August 18, 1957; the congregation continued
7 to meet in the mission building on Mattison Street until 1963, when
8 it constructed a new sanctuary on Elm Street; after nearly half a
9 century there, the church moved to its current facility on Loop 179
10 in 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Emmanuel Baptist Church has
12 played a vital role in the community, offering its members myriad
13 opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship; the church also
14 takes part in a number of area ministries, providing children with
15 clothing, school supplies, and backpacks and preparing
16 Thanksgiving baskets for families in need; and

17 WHEREAS, The congregation at Emmanuel Baptist has benefited
18 from the able leadership of a number of dedicated pastors over the
19 years, and today that tradition of service is continued by the
20 Reverend Kyle Smith, who assumed the pulpit in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, Emmanuel Baptist Church has long served as a source
22 of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its
23 continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of
24 its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 60th
3 anniversary of Emmanuel Baptist Church and extend to the
4 congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 218 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House