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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist
Church in Houston are celebrating the 100th anniversary of their
church's founding in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Organized in 1917 by a group of charter members and 4 5 its first pastor, J. A. Alford, the congregation initially met in a small house on Hailey Street; the membership quickly outgrew the 6 7 space, and a larger house on Gregg Street was purchased and converted into a chapel; the church subsequently acquired several 8 nearby properties and dedicated a new place of worship in 1974; 9 today, the New Mount Calvary campus includes classrooms, 10 a 11 gymnasium, a fellowship hall, and a food bank, in addition to its 12 main and youth sanctuaries; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the years, New Mount Calvary has benefited from 14 the dedicated efforts of a number of outstanding clergymen; Pastor Alford was succeeded by the Reverend E. A. Baldridge in 1956, and he 15 served until 1980, when the Reverend Dr. Willie Jones began a 16 distinguished tenure that spanned nearly 33 years; the Reverend 17 Christopher C. Moore assumed the pulpit in 2014, and under his 18 leadership, the church has continued a long tradition of helping 19 20 those in need, establishing new ministries to supplement its many 21 other outreach initiatives; and

WHEREAS, New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church has long served as a source of inspiration and spiritual guidance to those who worship there, and its continued existence is a testament to the

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and extend to the congregation sincere best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 9 prepared for New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church as an 10 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 673 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House