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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1917 by a group of charter members and
5 its first pastor, J. A. Alford, the congregation initially met in a
6 small house on Hailey Street; the membership quickly outgrew the
7 space, and a larger house on Gregg Street was purchased and
8 converted into a chapel; the church subsequently acquired several
9 nearby properties and dedicated a new place of worship in 1974;
10 today, the New Mount Calvary campus includes classrooms, 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
15 Alford was succeeded by the Reverend E. A. Baldrige in 1956, and he
16 served until 1980, when the Reverend Dr. Willie Jones began a
17 distinguished tenure that spanned nearly 33 years; the Reverend
18 Christopher C. Moore assumed the pulpit in 2014, and under his
19 leadership, the church has continued a long tradition of helping
20 those in need, establishing new ministries to supplement its many
21 other outreach initiatives; and

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

1 unwavering commitment of its members and clergy, both past and
2 present; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of New Mount
5 Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and extend to the congregation
6 sincere best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and
7 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.