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H.R. No. 1455

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of First Baptist Church Aspermont  
2 celebrated the 125th anniversary of their church's founding on  
3 October 30, 2016; and

4           WHEREAS, Organized in the autumn of 1891, FBC Aspermont was  
5 initially served by traveling preachers known as circuit riders  
6 before securing its first pastors, the Reverend J. J. Horn and the  
7 Reverend E. B. Featherston; for over a decade, the Aspermont  
8 Baptist congregation gathered to worship in either the town's  
9 one-room schoolhouse or the nearby Presbyterian church, but  
10 following a dramatic increase in membership, the church constructed  
11 a sanctuary in the early 1900s; and

12           WHEREAS, Through the decades, FBC Aspermont has benefited  
13 from the skilled leadership of numerous dedicated members of the  
14 clergy; the church's 2016 anniversary celebration was overseen by  
15 Dr. Larry Baker in his role as interim pastor, and today the  
16 congregation is ably guided by Pastor Brant Small; and

17           WHEREAS, Now located on North Broadway Street, FBC Aspermont  
18 administers a variety of commendable programs that foster  
19 fellowship and help those in need, including all-ages Sunday school  
20 classes, the Woman's Missionary Union, and Teen Mops, a ministry  
21 for teenage parents and their families; the church also supports  
22 the Eunice Chambless Hospitality House, the Stonewall County Food  
23 Pantry, Crossing Borders, and Operation Christmas Child; and

24           WHEREAS, Countless local residents have looked to First

1 Baptist Church Aspermont for spiritual guidance over the past 125  
2 years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the church at this  
3 special time in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the  
6 founding of First Baptist Church Aspermont and extend to all those  
7 associated with the church sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
8 be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.