## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of Cottonwood Creek Church are celebrating the 135th anniversary of their church's founding on May 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Cottonwood Creek Church traces its origins back to 1882, when a small group of residents formed Mount Olive Baptist Church in McKinney; over the succeeding years, the congregation grew into one of the largest in the Collin Baptist Association, and by 1921, it included 149 members; the church relocated to Fairview in 1959 and later changed its name to First Baptist Church of Fairview; several decades later, the church moved again, this time to land off Highway 121 in Allen, where the newly renamed Cottonwood Creek Church opened its doors on August 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, After more than a century of growth, this venerable institution currently serves three locations in North Texas, and congregants are ably led by Senior Pastor John Mark Caton at the Allen campus, Pastor Danny Broughton at the Denison campus, and Pastor Terry Busker at the Nevada campus; and

WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and strong traditions, the members of Cottonwood Creek Church have established a variety of commendable programs that foster fellowship and offer help to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Countless North Texans have looked to Cottonwood Creek Church for spiritual guidance over the years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the church at this special time in its

1 rich history; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 135th anniversary of Cottonwood Creek Church and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

