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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 150 years, area Texans have come together to
2 celebrate their faith at First Baptist Church, Hearne; and

3 WHEREAS, This venerable house of worship was organized as
4 Hearne Station Baptist Church on April 18, 1869, with 11 charter
5 members; the congregation erected its first building in 1877, and
6 on September 7, 1907, it laid the cornerstone for a new auditorium
7 and then adopted its present-day name; over the years, the church
8 has expanded its facilities to meet the evolving needs of the
9 membership, and in addition to a sanctuary, its current site on West
10 Davis Street includes a fellowship hall and family life center; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its establishment, FBC has played a vital role
12 in the Hearne community, providing its members with myriad
13 opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach;
14 moreover, the church is active with the FIRM Baptist Area of Central
15 Texas and the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the able
17 leadership of more than 30 senior pastors, and today that tradition
18 of service is continued by the Reverend James Hooper; and

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of First
2 Baptist Church, Hearne and extend to the congregation sincere best
3 wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship; and, be
4 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.