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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of First Baptist Church Waxahachie  
2 celebrated the dedication of their church's new home with a  
3 ribbon-cutting ceremony and gospel concert on March 3, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, First organized on March 17, 1861, FBC Waxahachie  
5 started out as a small church with only 12 founding members; it has  
6 since developed into a thriving congregation that has outgrown a  
7 number of sanctuaries; previously located on North Rogers Street,  
8 the church moved to its current campus on the U.S. Highway 287  
9 bypass near Broadhead Road in December 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the years, FBC Waxahachie has benefited from  
11 the efforts of 12 outstanding clergymen, including the Reverend  
12 David Ritsema, who has led the congregation since 2013; united by  
13 their shared faith and strong traditions, the members of this  
14 notable house of worship have established a variety of commendable  
15 programs that foster fellowship and offer help to those in need,  
16 including missions to Guatemala and Estonia; the church is  
17 currently focusing on assisting children from low-income families  
18 in the local community; and

19 WHEREAS, For 158 years, First Baptist Church Waxahachie has  
20 played a vital role in the lives of area residents, and its  
21 continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of  
22 its congregants, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of First Baptist

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1 Church Waxahachie's new building and extend to its members and  
2 clergy sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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