

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since its founding more than a half century ago,
2 Greater Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church has served as a source
3 of spiritual enrichment for countless Houston families; and

4 WHEREAS, On March 13, 1966, a group of believers in Northeast
5 Houston met to lay out their plans for Greater Jerusalem, which was
6 formally organized on March 24; the following October, the Reverend
7 Wilbert Leo Daniels was installed as its first pastor, and his
8 11-year tenure coincided with much progress; under his guidance, a
9 million-dollar facility on Jensen Drive was purchased to house the
10 congregation, and the church sponsored a "Great March on Sin" in
11 1974 that involved thousands of Christians; Greater Jerusalem later
12 benefited from the leadership of C. D. Daniels and Darryl Daniels,
13 and today that tradition of service is continued by Pastor Joe Fred
14 Russell; and

15 WHEREAS, In order to keep pace with a growing congregation,
16 the church has undergone a number of upgrades and renovations, and
17 it currently operates a private school, a day-care center, and a
18 full-sized community recreation center; its programs have been
19 expanded to encompass myriad outreach initiatives, including a
20 hospital and home ministry, a housing project for the elderly and
21 for residents with disabilities, and a center with counseling
22 services focused on teen pregnancy, substance addiction, and HIV;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Sustained by a common purpose and inspired

1 leadership, the members of Greater Jerusalem Missionary Baptist
2 Church have remained constant in their devotion to their faith, and
3 it is a pleasure to join with them in celebrating this noteworthy
4 occasion; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Greater Jerusalem Missionary
7 Baptist Church on the 53rd anniversary of its founding and extend to
8 its members and clergy sincere best wishes for many more years of
9 shared prayer and fellowship; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 880

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 880 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House