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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 125 years, residents of Matador have
2 come together to celebrate their faith at First Baptist Church of
3 Matador; and

4 WHEREAS, When the church, first known as Matador Missionary
5 Baptist Church, was organized on May 8, 1893, congregants gathered
6 to worship in the town's schoolhouse and courthouse as well as in
7 various homes; in 1906, members voted to construct their own
8 sanctuary, and the new building was dedicated in 1907; and

9 WHEREAS, As the congregation steadily increased in number, it
10 outgrew the original structure on Dundee Street, and the current
11 sanctuary was completed in 1942; located on South Main Street,
12 First Baptist Church was dedicated on August 23, 1942, and over the
13 years, it has undergone numerous improvements and expansions; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout FBC's history, its congregants have
15 benefited from the able leadership of many devoted pastors,
16 including J. C. Power and W. H. "Billy" Rattan, and the church
17 continues to play a vital role in the community, providing its
18 members with myriad opportunities for spiritual growth,
19 fellowship, and outreach; and

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

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

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of First
2 Baptist Church of Matador and extend to the congregation sincere
3 best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship;
4 and, be 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.